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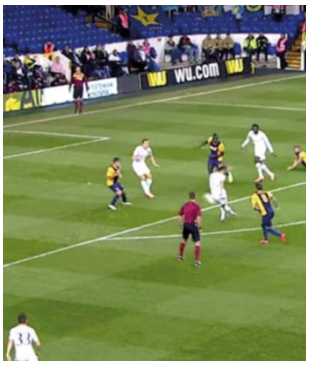

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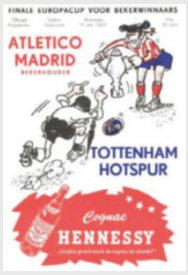

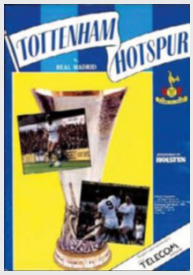

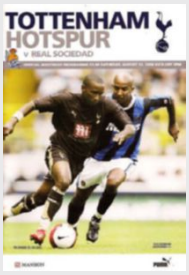

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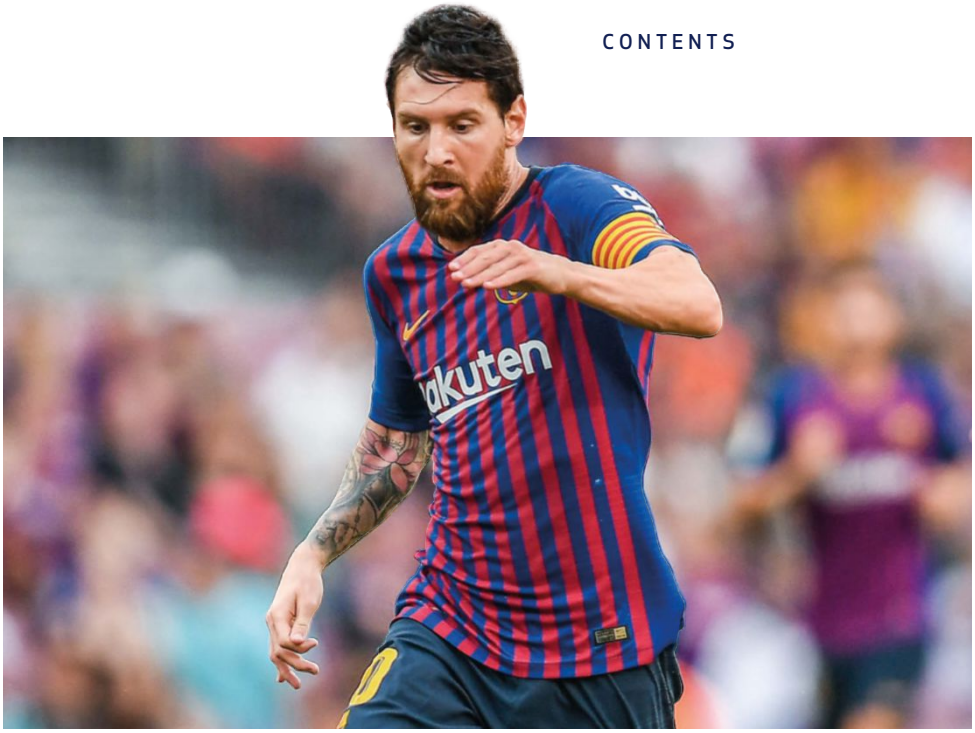

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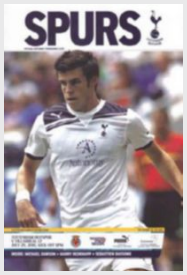

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Mauricio Pochettino

Good evening and welcome to Wembley.

A good week saw us win three games in a row. Building on the result at Brighton, we showed great determination to make it through to the next round of the Carabao Cup against a tough Watford side. We responded well to the late equaliser from our opponents and showed great mental toughness and character to pick ourselves up and win the penalty shootout.

I would like to thank you for making the journey with us to Milton Keynes and the great atmosphere you created.

Following that, we faced a very different challenge at Huddersfield on Saturday and had to show another side to our game. They are an aggressive and physical team and we had to battle in order to match them. We dug deep and took our chances well in the first half to take control and manage the game. I was also delighted with a clean sheet as the defensive unit deserved it.

With such a busy schedule we have had to make the most of the whole squad and I have been happy with the way that different players have come into the starting XI or on from the bench and made an impact in recent games. I have confidence in all of the players and everyone must be ready to contribute and show their quality when we need them.

Tonight we can expect another different challenge as we welcome Barcelona and their manager Ernesto Valverde. They are a team that needs no introduction and have shown on many occasions that they are one of the strongest teams in Europe. We know what we have to do and will have full focus on the challenge in front of us.

Simply put, nights like tonight are what we play football for. These are the matches that you dream of being involved in when you are a child and starting out in the game. These are the nights that you supporters deserve for your dedication and passion.

We have shown before that we can succeed on these nights and I have full confidence in my players' ability to rise to the occasion. You have also shown before that you can create an incredible atmosphere here on Champions League nights and I know we can count on you all again this evening.

Enjoy the game.

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TAMING THE TERRIERS...
Harry Kane's penalty flies into the back of the Huddersfield net for his and our second goal in the 2-0 win at the John Smith's Stadium on Saturday.

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DELE'S DREAM RETURN TO MK

Three years after leaving Milton Keynes, Dele Alli returned to Stadium MK last Wednesday and scored the winning penalty to send us through to the fourth round of the Carabao Cup.

Captain for the night, Dele made his mark against Watford in his home town as he equalised from the spot on 81 minutes before Erik Lamela struck to give us the lead, just five minutes later. A last minute strike from Etienne Capoue however, sent the game to penalties.

Three successful spot-kicks from Heung-Min Son, Lamela and Fernando Llorente and two superb saves from goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga gave us a significant advantage in the shoot-out. It was up to Dele then to seal the win by converting our fourth penalty on his home turf, as if it had been written in the stars.

"I was thinking that as it was getting closer," Dele admitted. "You can't write it sometimes!

"I wanted to step up and score the winning penalty. It was written down for me to take the fourth penalty and that's how it played out.

"More importantly, we won the game. It was a great reaction from the boys after conceding late to come back and win on penalties."

With club captain Hugo Lloris still recovering from an injury and Mauricio Pochettino's decision to rest both Jan Vertonghen and Harry Kane, Dele was offered the chance to wear the captain's armband for the first time and the midfielder admitted that it was a moment of immense pride for him.

"To captain the side was a huge honour for me," he told us. "The gaffer spoke to me on Tuesday and asked me if I'd like to be captain and obviously I wanted to.

"It's a great day for me but more than anything, no matter what happens individually in a game, it's all about the team and going into the next round, for the fans as well."

Carabao Cup draw

We have been drawn away to West Ham United in the fourth round of this season's Carabao Cup.

The drawn was made on Saturday evening and saw us paired with the Hammers at this stage of the competition for the second season in a row. Last year, we took a 2-0 lead here at Wembley, only to suffer a 3-2 defeat.

We made it into the draw this time around after defeating Watford on penalties after a 2-2 draw at Stadium MK last Wednesday.

West Ham have won 3-1 at AFC Wimbledon and thrashed Macclesfield Town 8-0 at the London Stadium so far in this year's competition.

Fourth round ties are scheduled to take place in the week commencing 29 October. Please keep an eye on club channels for a confirmed date and ticket information.

INTERNATIONAL CALL-UP NUMBER JUAN FOR FOYTH

Juan Foyth has received his first senior call-up for the Argentina national team.

The 20-year-old defender has been selected as part of a 31-man squad by Argentina caretaker manager Lionel Scaloni ahead of two intriguing friendlies against Brazil and Iraq in Saudi Arabia next month.

The centre-back has previously represented Argentina at Under-20 level, being a key member of their 2017 FIFA Under-20 World Cup and 2017 Under-20 South American Championship squads, but is now set for his first opportunities with the senior side.

Argentina will first take on Iraq on Thursday 11 October at the Prince Faisal bin Fahd Stadium before taking on South American rivals Brazil five days later at the King Abdullah Sports City Stadium.

Having moved to north London last summer from Estudiantes, Juan made eight appearances in his first season with us, including an assured performance in our 3-0 home win over APOEL in the Champions League.

After suffering a thigh injury in pre-season, he missed the start of the new campaign, but returned to the squad on Wednesday, when he was named on the bench for our Carabao Cup fixture against Watford.

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PAULO'S PRAISE FOR COACH TONI

Paulo Gazzaniga might be receiving the plaudits for his good form since returning to the side but the goalkeeper insists it is his coach, Toni Jimenez, who has been doing a top job.

The Argentine keeper has found himself back in the team after injuries to Hugo Lloris and Michel Vorm but Paulo has certainly stepped up to the mark, putting in top quality performances since his recall.

A heroic display in the Carabao Cup penalty shoot-out win over Watford last Wednesday, as well as assured displays against Huddersfield and Brighton, have seen Paulo go from strength to strength since returning to the starting XI.

The 26-year-old's recent performances have further endeared him to the Spurs faithful but Paulo has been quick to credit Toni Jimenez for his form, praising his coach for keeping him fit and ready to get between the sticks whenever required.

"He is doing a great job and not just with me but with all the young lads and, of course, Hugo and Mich as well," he said. "This is a big merit for Toni."

It's not just Paulo though that has heaped the praise on Toni as Mauricio Pochettino has also been waxing lyrical about his long-serving coach.

"For me, he's the best goalkeeping coach in the world. His mentality, his passion...I've not seen with other people. I'm so lucky to have him next to me.

"His energy is amazing and the way he works deserves to be praised, providing all his experience, knowledge and commitment to the team, the club, the players.

"He's a crazy guy with that passion...of course there are other excellent goalkeeping coaches but for me, he's the best."

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: Felix Zwayer
Assistant Referees: Thorsten Schiffner, Marco Achmuller
Additional Assistant Referees: Tobias Stieler, Sascha Stegemann
Fourth Official: Guido Kleve (all tonight's officials are from Germany)

SHASHOUA ON TARGET IN SPAIN

Samuel Shashoua scored his first senior goal for loan club Atlético Baleares on Sunday.

Samuel (above) had not tasted victory in any of his first three outings for the Spanish Segunda Division B side – two of which had come as a late substitute – but his 15th-minute effort set them on their way to a 2-1 home win against Conquense.

Fellow attacking midfielder Marcus Edwards has impressed during the early stages of his loan spell at Dutch side Excelsior, earning a spot in the Eredivisie team of the week from Dutch media outlet Voetbal International for his performance in a 3-3 draw against Heerenveen on 22 September.

Marcus also claimed an assist in his first start for the club a week earlier, a 2-2 draw at Willem II, and has now started their last four matches.

In the Championship, Cameron Carter-Vickers and Josh Onomah have each made two appearances for Swansea City and Sheffield Wednesday respectively. Centre-back Cameron came off the bench to ensure the Welsh side kept a clean sheet in their goalless draw at home to Nottingham Forest on 15 September then played the full 90 minutes in a 1-0 defeat at Stoke City three days later.

Midfielder Josh made his first appearance from the bench for the Owls in their 2-2 draw at home to Stoke on 15 September then was elevated to the starting XI for their next game, a 2-1 reverse at Forest.

Elsewhere, Connor Ogilvie has played two full games so far in what is his second spell at League One side Gillingham. Having spent the entire 2017/18 season on loan at the Gills, the left-back has tasted defeat in both the EFL Trophy game at Portsmouth and league game at home to leaders Peterborough United in recent week.

Match Report

"WE'RE ALL HAPPY BECAUSE WE ALL WORKED HARD FOR THAT, SO IT'S A BIG WIN FOR US." - Harry Kane

MAN OF THE MATCH
HARRY KANE

Stat Attack

53%	Possession	47%
9	Shots	10
5	Shots on target	6
3	Corners	0
17	Fouls	16

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Huddersfield Town 0

Tottenham Hotspur 2
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Huddersfield Town (3-5-1-1): Lossl, Zanka, Schindler (Mbenza 72), Kongolo (Hadergjonaj 30), Durm, Mooy, Hogg (c), Billing, Lowe, Pritchard (Mounie 85), Depoitre. **Substitutes (not used):** Hamer, Smith, Van La Parra, Stankovic.

Spurs (3-4-2-1): Gazzaniga, Alderweireld, Sanchez, Vertonghen (Wanyama 46), Trippier, Dier, Dembele (Winks 46), Rose, Lucas, Son (Sissoko 90), Kane (c). **Substitutes (not used):** Whiteman, Davies, Lamela, Llorente.

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Celebrations as Graham Roberts equalises at the Lane

BATTLING WITH BARCELONA

BILLY SHAW SITS DOWN WITH THREE SPURS GREATS TO REMINISCE ABOUT OUR PREVIOUS EUROPEAN TIE WITH TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS BARCELONA IN 1982

Micky Hazard walked away with a radio cassette player for winning Man of the Match, but it was the usually unflappable Ray Clemence who was left to face the music when we met Barcelona in a competitive European tie for the first and, before tonight, only time in our history.

Recognised then and now as one of the all-time greats, the goalkeeper uncharacteristically hit a flat note and let a long-range effort from Antonio Olmo slip through his fingers to gift the Spanish side the lead in the first leg of our European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final clash at White Hart Lane on 7 April, 1982.

As it happens, 'clash' was the operative word that night. Popular opinion has it that Barca – already down to 10 men at the time of the goal after Juan Estella's dismissal – weren't exactly singing from the same hymn sheet in the eventual 1-1 draw, a full-blooded prelude to our 1-0 defeat at the Nou Camp a fortnight later, with the tackles flying in on Keith Burkinshaw's unsuspecting troops.

"Barcelona had a very good side and that's why we were so shocked by the way they played, because they had players who technically were as good as anybody and it would have been a fantastic football game between the two of us if it hadn't been for the way things panned out," said Ray last week, as he recalled the first leg of our 2-1 aggregate defeat that brought to an end

our first European campaign since 1973/74. We would, of course, win the UEFA Cup two years later in 1984.

"While at Liverpool, we played against Barcelona a couple of times in the UEFA Cup and they played football against us, so when they came to Tottenham we were expecting it to be a good footballing game. But I've never seen a Barcelona side so physical – it was frightening. It knocked us out of our stride a little bit because we weren't expecting it. That was not the sort of side that they were, but we had to try to deal with it and without my mistake we could have possibly gone to the Nou Camp with a 1-0 lead.

"It was a long-range shot which I should have dealt with easily. In fact, I probably got complacent in terms of the fact that I thought it was a shot that I was going to catch easily and I was looking towards where I was going to throw it to, in order to put us on the counter-attack before I actually had it in my hands. Unfortunately, it slipped through my hands and that gave them the goal. I think we had another couple of chances which, on another night, would have gone in but it just wasn't enough to go there and get ourselves through."

A robust tackle on Glenn Hoddle

"THEY OBVIOUSLY HAD GREAT PLAYERS IN THOSE DAYS TOO BUT IT WAS A HORRIBLE GAME. WE PLAYED VERY WELL BUT BELIEVE ME, IT WAS SCARY"

"Ray is one of the best goalkeepers the world has ever seen but that night the ball just slipped through his hands and ultimately, it cost us the tie," recalled midfielder Micky who, like Ray, played in both legs of that 1982 tie. "When you watch the modern-day Barcelona team, you see nothing but beautiful football and great footballers. They obviously had great players in those days too but it was a horrible game. We actually played very well on the evening itself, withstood everything, but believe me, it was scary. I actually got Man of the Match on the night which, when I look back, to have still had the courage to play your game, was quite something. I remember picking up this

Spurs skipper Steve Perryman meets Barca counterpart Antonio Olmo

Garth Crooks heads goalwards

beautiful big radio cassette player as my prize as well!"

Defender Graham Roberts, so dependable in that successful side of the early 1980s, scored our equaliser five minutes from time at the Lane, meaning we were level at one apiece heading to Spain. But a 1-0 loss in the Nou Camp, Danish striker Allan Simonsen on target, ensured it was Barcelona who advanced to the final, where they beat Standard Liege to lift the silverware.

"We got back into it when I scored from Glenn Hoddle's free-kick," said Graham, casting his mind back to the first leg in N17. "I remember pushing a lad to get away from him, scored, and as I looked around, there were about four of their players chasing me around the back of the goal! We were brilliant over there in the return match. Mark Falco had a great goal disallowed but, again, it was a tough night for us."

Of course, 'Robbo' and centre-back partner Paul 'Maxi' Miller were renowned for taking no prisoners in their own defence of our badge over the years, so the team being overpowered seemed unlikely at the time.

"It was probably at the top end of the pitch where Barcelona were the most physical, which was too far away for Maxi and Graham to get involved, but in the second game we had Mark Falco up front who could look after himself as well," said Ray. "We were just surprised by the way the tie panned out. Certainly they were one of the top sides in Europe at that time, though.

"When I was at Liverpool, we were the first British side to go to the Nou Camp and win with John Toshack scoring (1-0), so they were still a force, a strong side, but they were a footballing team and usually known for their football. Obviously they've gone to a different level over the last 10 years or so but they were a good outfit, a tough side back then."

Even in the present day, you hear Mauricio Pochettino preaching the importance of learning lessons in games and using that to your advantage next time around. So might the experiences of Burkinshaw's class of '82 against Barcelona have factored into our European triumph two years later?

"We already had it in our lockers," smiled Micky. "We had world-class footballers, a great team, a great squad and I think European football was more made for us in that particular era than the English league, which was blood and thunder, 'up and at them'. That sort of worked against how we played. To find a level of consistency was much harder to do in that environment but in Europe, where there was a bit more space to play, we had the creative players to hurt teams and I thought it was only a matter of time before we won a European trophy. Of course, the little bits of experience that we gained in the years leading up to winning it, they all helped, but ultimately we had the players to do it, simple as that."

Manager Keith Burkinshaw feels the strain after our defeat in the Nou Camp

Chas & Dave with Keith Burkinshaw at the Lane in 1984

OBITUARY - CHAS HODGES

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our most iconic and much-loved supporters, Chas Hodges, who passed away on Saturday, 22 September, aged 74.

A tremendously gifted musician and singer, he formed the band 'Chas & Dave' with fellow Spurs fan Dave Peacock and together they became one of the most popular acts of the 70s and 80s with their instantly recognisable musical style known as 'Rockney' which drew heavily on traditional music-hall humour, pub singalongs and rock 'n' roll.

Their music became synonymous with successful Spurs teams of years gone by as they penned songs for our FA Cup Finals in the 1980s and 90s. These songs would become timeless classics that are still sung and enjoyed by Tottenham fans young and old such as 'Glory, Glory Tottenham Hotspur,' 'Tottenham, Tottenham,' 'Hot Shot Tottenham' and 'When the Year Ends in One'.

Their most famous Spurs hit was of course 'Ossie's Dream' which reached number five in the UK charts in 1981 and is still sung regularly by fans at matches today.

A local boy, Charles Nicholas Hodges was born in Edmonton on 28 December, 1943, and soon fell in love with Spurs. Though his mother had reservations about a seven-year-old attending first team games, Chas and his older brother would venture off to White Hart Lane to take in reserve team fixtures before persuading her soon enough they were ready for the bigger occasions. His early hero was goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn and Chas would stand behind the goal studying Ted's every move before trying to replicate him as a goalkeeper for his school side.

Chas walks out at the Lane with Dave in May, 2017, as the last-ever half-time guests at our former ground

After leaving school at 15, he enjoyed a remarkable early career as a session musician and learnt his trade alongside some of the biggest and best names in the business such as Jerry Lee Lewis and Gene Vincent. He toured Europe with The Beatles in 1965 while playing bass in Cliff Bennett and the Rebel Rousers. His bassline on a 1975 Labi Siffre track even ended up as the sample for the Eminem breakthrough hit 'My Name Is'.

Chas & Dave were soon topping the charts and they grasped the opportunity to work with their beloved Spurs on those famous Cup Final records. It was the start of a relationship that would see the Rockney duo become part of the fabric of the club. They were dearly loved by managers and players of the time who welcomed them into the heart of the club and lasting friendships were formed.

Throughout the years that followed, Chas & Dave were never far from White Hart Lane. They performed live behind the South Stand goal ahead of the UK's first live televised league game in 1983, were a part of Keith Burkinshaw's testimonial a year later, supported countless Player of the Year functions, appeared with the squad on Top of the Pops and Blue Peter and were stars of the show in a memorable evening as they entertained the players, staff and their families at the Hilton Hotel in 1991 at a banquet following the FA Cup Final victory over Nottingham Forest.

Being part of the club throughout such a memorable era cemented a bond that would remain throughout Chas's life. He, along with Dave, remained regulars at games over the years and never tired of talking Spurs with fans, posing for photographs or taking an impromptu request for a rendition of 'Ossie's Dream'. One of the last such requests led to a truly memorable moment for the few lucky fans in attendance as the pair were joined by a stellar backing group that included the likes of Glenn Hoddle, Ray Clemence, Paul Miller, John Pratt, Alan Mullery and, of course, Ossie

Ardiles for a singalong in one of the lounges at White Hart Lane in January, 2017, after our victory over Chelsea.

So synonymous was their music with the glory years of the Lane in the 1980s, it was fitting that Chas & Dave were our special half-time guests for our last match at our old stadium. They received a rousing reception that day on a par with some of the greatest former players on show which proved how highly cherished they are by Spurs fans.

Chas took particular pride in the way their music had transcended the generations and couldn't hide a smile whenever he saw or heard children and young supporters break into one of their songs from long before they were even born.

In a recent interview he did with the club, Chas said: "I was sitting in the stand recently and a little kid about 10 years old was singing it ['Ossie's Dream']. He didn't recognise me or anything like that but he's right there singing 'Spurs are on their way to Wembley, Tottenham's gonna do it again' and I thought 'yeah, I wrote that'. It's part of the Spurs. I was seven when I first went up the Spurs, it never even entered my head that something like that would happen, that I'd end up writing a song that all the fans love singing. I wasn't even playing then! I can't picture the thought. So when it happens, it's great."

Chas & Dave continued releasing records and playing live and in recent years the duo enjoyed something of a renaissance with appearances at Glastonbury in 2005 and 2007 sparking a new generation of loyal fans. Touring was halted for a while in 2009 after Dave sadly lost his wife Sue and when Chas underwent treatment for cancer last year.

In typical Chas fashion he tackled cancer head on, taking a guitar to his chemotherapy sessions and writing a song called 'Sling Your Hook' in which he told the disease exactly what he thought of it. He got on with life, working on his prized allotment and returning to perform in some memorable concerts with Dave at venues such as the Royal Albert Hall and, of course, made it to Wembley to see Spurs.

The cancer was under control, though sadly he lost his life to pneumonia and our thoughts and love go out to his wife Joan, his son Nik, daughters Juliet and Kate and, of course, his musical partner and dear friend Dave.

"Chas Hodges, he's one of our own," sung the Spurs fans at Brighton just hours after his passing. He certainly was.

By Jonny Davies

SPURS LEGENDS PAY THEIR RESPECTS

The Spurs Legends team paid their own tribute to Chas on 23 September, dedicating their astonishing 14-0 win at Codicote FC in Hertfordshire to the popular musician. Many of the senior players in the Legends set-up knew Chas personally, with the team wearing black armbands in his memory and observing a minute's silence prior to kick-off against a Charity XI.

With Ray Clemence in the dugout as manager, his son, midfielder Stephen led the way on the pitch with a 16-minute hat-trick, contributing to an eventual four-goal haul, while the other goals came courtesy of Mark Falco, David Howells, Jeff Minton (3), Kevin Watson (2), Paul McVeigh and substitutes Glen Southam and Micky Southam. The Legends' stalwart goalkeeper Gareth Howells was unable to continue at half-time due to illness so his sibling – 1991 FA Cup-winning midfielder David – stepped in between the sticks for the second period and upheld his brother's clean sheet with a handful of impressive saves.

Spurs Legends: Gareth Howells, Brian Statham, Clive Wilson, Kevin Watson, Stuart Nethercott, Justin Edinburgh, Jeff Minton, Stephen Clemence, Paul McVeigh, David Howells, Mark Falco. Substitutes: Andy Edmonds, Glen Southam, Micky Southam, Aaron Chinery. **Manager:** Ray Clemence.

TRIBUTES TO CHAS

"Chas was Spurs through and through, a great guy with an infectious laugh. It was a pleasure to be with him. Of course, I will be eternally grateful for the song he did. At the end of the day, they sang my name and the only thing I did was open my mouth to say 'win the cup for Tottingham'! The more I listened, the more I liked it and it's a great song that will be with me until the last moments of my life. When I heard the news about him, it was a sad, sad day." - **Ossie Ardiles**

"I met him many times, a wonderful man. He just loved the football club and from his roots, he's always been a Spurs supporter. His music will certainly be around for a long time and hopefully he'll be remembered for a long time as well. It's a sad loss to everybody – the club, his family in particular – he was a great character and will be sadly missed by us all." - **Ray Clemence**

"To be called a legend of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, which is normally only reserved for players or managers – when not having kicked a ball or managed a team – that says something about this special guy. He really was special. What a great man, what a great duo. Chas & Dave will for evermore be part of the Spurs family and no matter how much time passes by, we will always see the names Chas & Dave because of the great things that they did for this football club." - **Micky Hazard**

"Chas was a proper Spurs fan, loved the club and the supporters. He was close to the players, their families and the club. He was a mad Tottenham fan and we had some great times. The songs he made for us…how we got to where we did in the charts I don't know. He was doing all the singing! It's a sad time, he will be sorely missed." - **Graham Roberts**

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SETTING THE STANDARD

Harry Kane has hit the heights over the last few years, his goals haul for club and country ranking him up there with the very best in world football. And, on the biggest club stage of all this evening, he's determined to stamp his authority once again

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Writing off Harry Kane in any given season even before the campaign has reached its second month is something you do at your peril, if the past four years are anything to go by.

While the popular narrative appears to suggest that our England international forward – and indeed the team as a whole – isn't quite firing on all cylinders, a quick glance at the stats indicates that's not strictly the case.

With three goals in his opening seven Spurs matches this season, if anything Harry is on course to achieve yet another healthy goals haul in our colours, while six wins from our first nine games in all competitions is definitely not cause for concern. The old adage about 'winning when you're not playing well' is usually considered a good thing!

In his last four seasons, Kane's goals tally for Spurs after seven games reads six, two, zero and three – and he's finished those years with numbers of 41, 35, 28 and 31 goals to his name. So, as the 2018/19 campaign only just moves into October, the player himself is very relaxed about his own form and that of the team, despite admitting that there is always room for improvement. And when you've earned a reputation as one of the finest centre forwards in the game, Harry acknowledges that any dip below that top level is going to be scrutinised.

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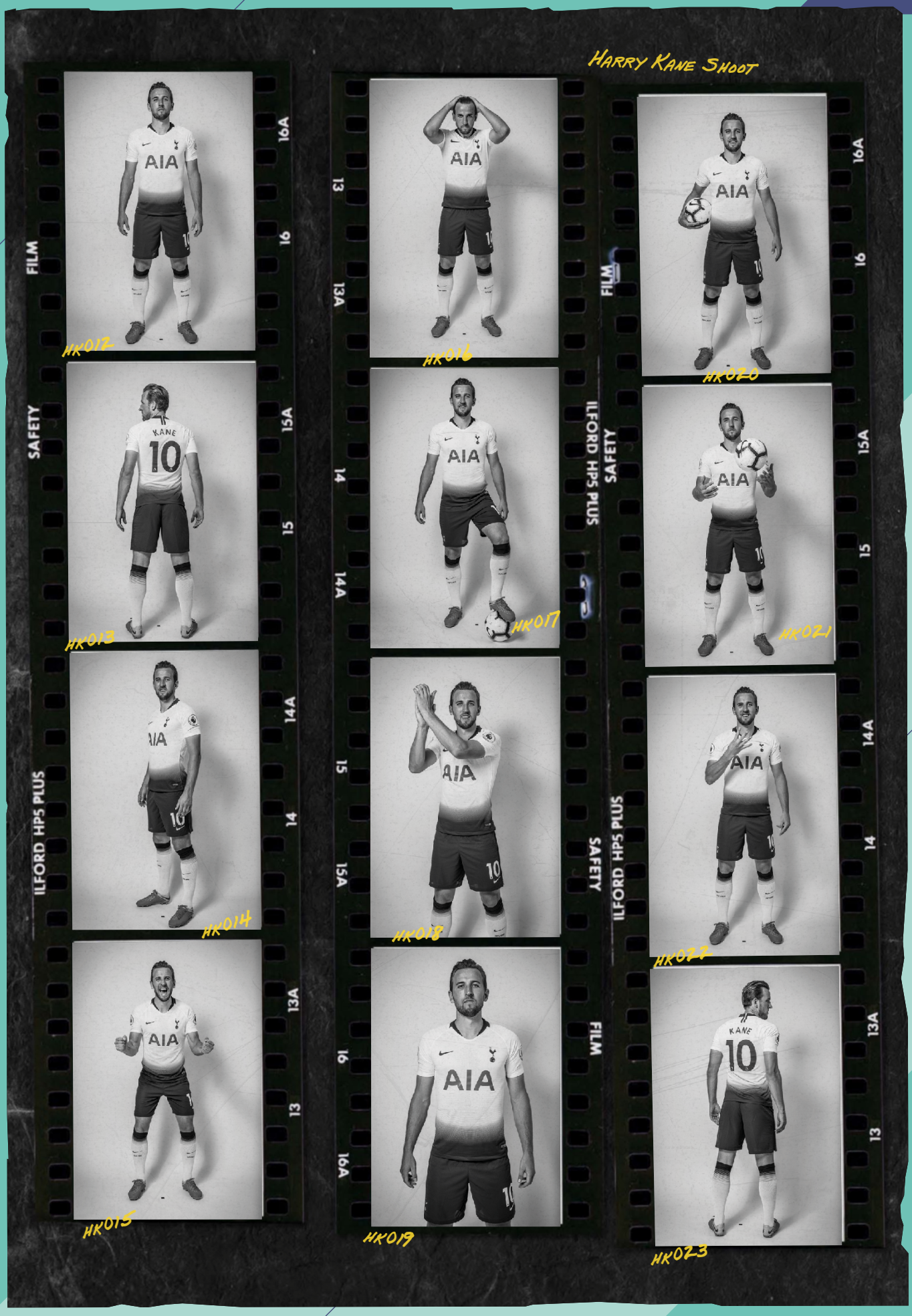
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him to fifth in our all-time top goalscorers list, with 145 strikes.

"But that's the world we live in and the sport that we play. There are always people talking and stories to be made, but that doesn't worry me. I'm just fully focused on myself and the team and we all know what is needed to hit our top form.

"At the start of the season you're always feeling your way back in to it and I'm getting fitter all the time coming off the back of a heavy summer. As a striker you always want to score goals and win games but I'm just focusing on myself, ensuring that I work hard, recover well and then I'm sure the goals will come.

"I'm certainly not worried about that, I've been doing this for the last four years now and I know what it takes.

"As for the team, everyone knows we'd like to have done better but five wins out of seven in the Premier League certainly isn't terrible.

"I also thought we did okay at the San Siro," he added, referring to our first group game in the Champions League, when two late goals for Inter turned victory into defeat for us following Christian Eriksen's opener. "It was a tough game away from home and we did well for 85 minutes but obviously we let it slip at the end.

"That's the Champions League though, when you're playing these difficult opponents you can get punished but we're in good spirits still. There is a long way to go in the season and it's about getting a bit of momentum. It was important that we went through against Watford in the cup last week to carry on building that momentum and we're now looking to maintain that in the next few games."

Perhaps one of the reasons why Harry's goals haven't started to flow yet this season is because he is starting to receive more focus from opposition defenders. After all, the two-time Premier League Golden Boot winner achieved global recognition during the summer when he struck six times for England at the 2018 World Cup to win the tournament's Golden Boot, the first Spurs player to ever collect such an accolade.

DID YOU KNOW:

LAST TERM, HARRY KANE SET A NEW GOALSCORING RECORD IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, NETTING MORE TIMES (NINE) IN HIS FIRST NINE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE APPEARANCES THAN ANY OTHER PLAYER

But the 25-year-old says that he has had to deal with closer attention from defenders for the last few years and that has been one of the challenges he's had to deal with as his reputation grows.

"To be fair, during my first year of playing nobody really knew me but after that season I felt more focus on me," said Harry. "Defenders know what good strikers are going to do and are obviously going to try to stop you, whether that's getting tighter on you, giving you less space or putting more men around you.

"I've always said that's part of the game though and all the top players around the world have to learn to cope with that, so it's no different for me and also some of the other guys in the team who maybe get more attention."

One thing is for sure though and that is Harry will receive plenty of attention on the pitch this evening as we welcome Barcelona to Wembley Stadium for what promises to be a fantastic encounter. It's the type of match which epitomises the Champions League and ever since the draw was made, we've all had this date circled in our calendars.

Despite both clubs having an extensive European pedigree,

"We showed last year in the Champions League that we can beat anyone when we're on form and that's what we've got to try to do again this evening. We're looking forward to seeing how far we can progress"

we've only faced each other in one previous tie back in 1981/82, when the Spaniards knocked us out of the Cup Winners' Cup semi-finals with a 2-1 aggregate win.

And while our supporters all across the world are looking forward to crossing swords with the Catalan giants, Harry confirms that the players are no different.

"It's what we play in the Champions League for, why we work so hard in the Premier League to reach this competition – to play in matches like tonight's," he said. "If you want to go far in this tournament, you're going to have to play these teams eventually anyway. It's a tough group and will be a test for us in every game, but that's what we like as a team and as a club and we're looking forward to seeing how far we can progress."

Barcelona opened their Group B campaign on matchday one with a 4-0 home win against PSV Eindhoven, thanks mainly to a Lionel Messi hat-trick. But they suffered a surprise 2-1 defeat last midweek to Leganes, which only enforces Harry's belief that nothing is ever certain in football.

"They had a difficult result themselves last week which will have shocked a lot of people, especially in Spain, and it just goes to show that on any day, any team can beat any other. I wouldn't say we are too far behind them in being favourites to win this group and, on our day, we can beat anyone as we've proved before.

"Last year we played Real Madrid which was a proper test for us. Obviously Real and Barcelona have been dominant in Spain for a while now along with Atletico Madrid, and Barca have amazing players like Lionel Messi, probably one of the best players to ever play the game.

"But we showed last year in the Champions League that we can beat anyone when we're on form and that's what we've got to try to do again this evening." ■

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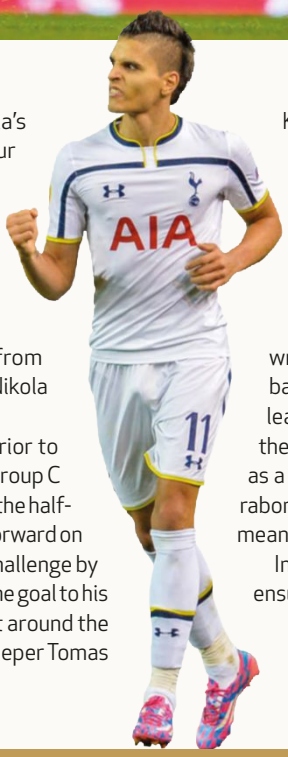
Golden Goal

EACH MATCHDAY, **ANDY GREEVES** LOOKS BACK ON A NOTABLE GOAL FROM OUR RICH HISTORY AND PROFILES ITS SCORER. THIS EVENING, HE RECALLS **ERIK LAMELA'S** FAMOUS 'RABONA' STRIKE AGAINST ASTERAS TRIPOLIS IN 2014

On 29 May, 2015, Erik Lamela's incredible 'rabona' goal in our 5-1 victory over Asteras Tripolis earlier in the 2014-15 campaign was voted as the 'UEFA Europa League Goal of the Season' by a panel of UEFA Technical Observers, including Sir Alex Ferguson and Lars Lagerback. The Argentine saw off competition from the likes of Gonzalo Higuaín, Denis Cheryshev and Nikola Kalinić to claim the accolade.

We led 1-0 through a strike from Harry Kane prior to Lamela's moment of magic in our Europa League Group C fixture at White Hart Lane on 23 October, 2014. On the half-hour mark, the ball rolled loose to the Argentinian forward on the edge of the Asteras penalty area following a challenge by Giorgos Zisopoulos on Emmanuel Adebayor. With the goal to his left-hand-side, our number 11 wrapped his left foot around the back of his right leg to score from 20 yards. Goalkeeper Tomas Kosicky fell to his knees having been totally wrong footed.



"If I tried to think about what I was going to do, I probably wouldn't have scored the goal," commented Lamela on his strike. "It was just something that you do naturally. It seemed to me to be the most comfortable and natural way to strike the ball. The only thing I had on my mind was to score, not how I was going to do it."

The first reported example of a rabona – where a player wraps one foot around their standing leg to strike the ball - was performed by Ricardo Infante in an Argentinian league game in 1948. Soon after, Infante was pictured on the cover of national sports magazine El Gráfico dressed as a school pupil with the caption 'El Infante que se hizo la rabona', roughly translated as 'Infante played truant'. Rabona means 'to skip school' in Spanish.

Infante's actions, along with the magazine caption, helped ensure 'rabona' a place in football's lexicon thereafter.

We went on to complete a 5-1 victory over our Greek visitors in October 2014, with Lamela scoring his second

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goal of the night after the break while strikes on 74 and 81 minutes saw Kane complete his hat-trick.

It was certainly an eventful night at the Lane as the England captain ended up going in goal towards the end of the game following the sending-off of Hugo Lloris and with all three of our substitutes having been made. Harry allowed a free-kick from Jeronimo Barrales to squirm underneath him to gift the visitors a consolation a minute from time.

Signed from Roma in the summer of 2013, Lamela made his debut for us in our 1-0 defeat at Arsenal on 1 September that year. His first goal came in our 2-1 triumph over Sheriff Tiraspol a few months later. A back injury in April, 2014 brought an early end to his season after 17 appearances for us in all competitions.

His brace against Asteras Tripolis contributed to his tally of five goals for us in 46 matches in 2014-15 – with his other strikes coming against Burnley and Southampton in the Premier League and Brighton & Hove Albion in the League Cup. He then achieved his best goals return to date for us in a single season in 2015-16

Lamela on his Spurs debut in 2013

with 11 strikes in 44 appearances. Two goals in 12 games in 2016-17 were added to with four efforts in 29 matches last season.

Lamela's career began with Argentine giants River Plate, for whom he scored four times in 34 Primera Division fixtures prior to his move to AS Roma in 2011. He netted 21 times in 67 matches for the Serie A side in all competitions, including a strike against city rivals Lazio on 11 November, 2012. Capped 23 times by Argentina to date, the player has scored three international goals against Germany, Bolivia and Venezuela.

What He Said

"It's 100 per cent the best goal I've seen live. I've seen a lot of goals on YouTube but I've never seen a goal like this. I was stunned. For about two minutes I was thinking about it. It's a dream to score a goal like that and you may never see one like it again."

- Jan Vertonghen

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UEFA Champions League 2018/19 Fixtures and Results

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
BORUSSIA DORTMUND	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
ATLETICO MADRID	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
MONACO	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
CLUB BRUGGE	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0

18.09.18	Monaco	1	Atletico Madrid	2
18.09.18	Club Brugge	0	Borussia Dortmund	1
03.10.18	Borussia Dortmund	V	Monaco	
03.10.18	Atletico Madrid	V	Club Brugge	
24.10.18	Club Brugge	V	Monaco	
24.10.18	Borussia Dortmund	V	Atletico Madrid	
06.10.18	Monaco	v	Club Brugge	
06.10.18	Atletico Madrid	v	Borussia Dortmund	
28.10.18	Atletico Madrid	v	Monaco	
28.10.18	Borussia Dortmund	v	Club Brugge	
11.12.18	Monaco	v	Borussia Dortmund	
11.12.18	Club Brugge	v	Atletico Madrid	

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
BARCELONA	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
INTER MILAN	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
PSV EINDHOVEN	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0

18.09.18	Inter Milan	2	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	1
18.09.18	Barcelona	4	PSV Eindhoven	0
03.10.18	PSV Eindhoven	V	Inter Milan	
03.10.18	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	V	Barcelona	
24.10.18	PSV Eindhoven	V	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	
24.10.18	Barcelona	V	Inter Milan	
06.10.18	Inter Milan	V	Barcelona	
06.10.18	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	V	PSV Eindhoven	
28.10.18	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	V	Inter Milan	
28.10.18	PSV Eindhoven	V	Barcelona	
11.12.18	Inter Milan	V	PSV Eindhoven	
11.12.18	Barcelona	V	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
LIVERPOOL	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
CRVENA ZVEZDA	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NAPOLI	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
PSG	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0

18.09.18	Crvena Zvezda	0	Napoli	0
18.09.18	Livepool	3	PSG	2
03.10.18	PSG	V	Crvena Zvezda	
03.10.18	Napoli	V	Liverpool	
24.10.18	Liverpool	V	Crvena Zvezda	
24.10.18	PSG	V	Napoli	
06.10.18	Crvena Zvezda	V	Liverpool	
06.10.18	Napoli	V	Paris	
28.10.18	Napoli	V	Crvena Zvezda	
28.10.18	PSG	V	Liverpool	
11.12.18	Crvena Zvezda	V	PSG	
11.12.18	Liverpool	V	Napoli	

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
GALATASARAY	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
PORTO	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
SCHALKE 04	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

18.09.18	Schalke	1	Porto	1
18.09.18	Galatasaray	3	Lokomotiv Moscow	0
03.10.18	Lokomotiv Moscow	V	Schalke	
03.10.18	Porto	V	Galatasaray	
24.10.18	Galatasaray	V	Schalke	
24.10.18	Lokomotiv Moscow	V	Porto	
06.10.18	Schalke	V	Galatasaray	
06.10.18	Porto	V	Lokomotiv Moscow	
28.10.18	Lokomotiv Moscow	V	Galatasaray	
28.10.18	Porto	V	Schalke	
11.12.18	Schalke	V	Lokomotiv Moscow	
11.12.18	Galatasaray	V	Porto	

GROUP E	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AJAX	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
BAYERN MUNICH	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
AEK ATHENS	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
BENFICA	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

19.09.18	Ajax	3	AEK Athens	0
19.09.18	Benfica	0	Bayern Munich	2
02.10.18	AEK Athens	V	Benfica	
02.10.18	Bayern Munich	V	Ajax	
23.10.18	AEK Athens	V	Bayern Munich	
23.10.18	Ajax	V	Benfica	
07.10.18	Benfica	V	Ajax	
07.10.18	Bayern Munich	V	AEK Athens	
27.10.18	AEK Athens	V	Ajax	
27.10.18	Bayern Munich	V	Benfica	
12.12.18	Benfica	V	AEK Athens	
12.12.18	Ajax	V	Bayern Munich	

GROUP F	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
LYON	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
SHAKHTAR DONETSK	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
HOFFENHEIM	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
MANCHESTER CITY	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0

19.09.18	Shakhtar Donetsk	2	Hoffenheim	2
19.09.18	Manchester City	1	Lyon	2
02.10.18	Hoffenheim	V	Manchester City	
02.10.18	Lyon	V	Shakhtar Donetsk	
23.10.18	Shakhtar Donetsk	V	Manchester City	
23.10.18	Hoffenheim	V	Lyon	
07.10.18	Manchester City	V	Shakhtar Donetsk	
07.10.18	Lyon	V	Hoffenheim	
27.10.18	Lyon	V	Manchester City	
27.10.18	Hoffenheim	V	Shakhtar Donetsk	
12.12.18	Manchester City	V	Hoffenheim	
12.12.18	Shakhtar Donetsk	V	Lyon	

GROUP G	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
REAL MADRID	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
VIKTORIA PLZEN	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
CSKA MOSCOW	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
ROMA	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

19.09.18	Viktoria Plzen	2	CSKA Moscow	2
19.09.18	Real Madrid	3	ROMA	0
02.10.18	ROMA	V	Viktoria Plzen	
02.10.18	CSKA Moscow	V	Real Madrid	
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12.12.18	Viktoria Plzen	V	ROMA	
12.12.18	Real Madrid	V	CSKA Moscow	

GROUP H	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
JUVENTUS	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
MANCHESTER UNITED	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
YOUNG BOYS	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
VALENCIA	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

19.09.18	Valencia	0	Juventus	2
19.09.18	Young Boys	0	Manchester United	3
02.10.18	Juventus	V	Young Boys	
02.10.18	Manchester United	V	Valencia	
23.10.18	Young Boys	V	Valencia	
23.10.18	Manchester United	V	Juventus	
07.10.18	Valencia	V	Young Boys	
07.10.18	Juventus	V	Manchester United	
27.10.18	Juventus	V	Valencia	
27.10.18	Manchester United	V	Young Boys	
12.12.18	Valencia	V	Manchester United	
12.12.18	Young Boys	V	Juventus	

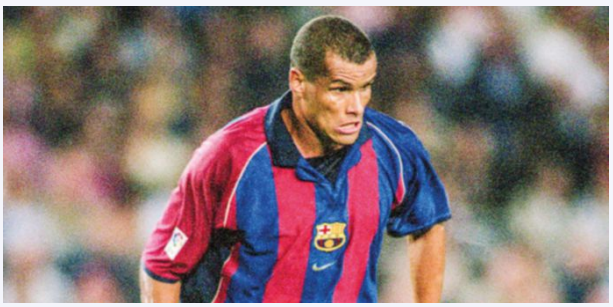
THE BEST OF BARCELONA

SUCH IS THE VAST ARRAY OF STARS THAT HAVE WORN THE FAMOUS BLUE AND RED SHIRTS OF BARCELONA THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO PICK OUT JUST SIX OF THE BEST. BUT LIAM CARSON HAS DONE JUST THAT…AND PROFILES A GROUP OF PLAYERS THAT ARE AMONG THE GREATEST THE GAME HAS EVER SEEN

ANDONI ZUBIZARRETA
GOALKEEPER | 1986-1994

- 490 games
- 4x La Liga titles - (1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94)
- 2x Copa del Rey winner – (1987-88, 1989-90)
- 2x Supercopa de España winner – (1991, 1992)
- European Cup winner – (1991-92)
- European Cup Winners' Cup winner - (1988-89)
- UEFA Super Cup – (1992)

Spanish shot-stopper 'Zubi' became a Barcelona legend after helping the Catalan club lift its first European Cup in 1992. Former Spurs player and manager Terry Venables decided to bring Zubi to the Nou Camp in the summer of 1986 to replace the legendary Javier Urruticoechea. It was a tough start to life in Catalonia as the keeper was quickly made aware of just what standards were required at Barcelona. But the stopper swiftly won the Barca faithful over however, with his level-headedness between the sticks and his astute positioning. When Johan Cruyff took charge at the Nou Camp in 1988, the game changed for Zubi. The Dutch magician revolutionised Barca's play, focusing on a high pressing and quick passing style. It meant the Spanish international would have to become more comfortable with the ball at his feet and he effectively became another outfield player in games with the keeper now regarded by Cruyff as someone that could start attacks. It would be a style of play that would see Zubi and Barca go on and win four consecutive La Liga titles. It was the 1992 European Cup Final however, where Zubi secured his legendary status. As part of the 'Dream Team', the Spaniard made several vital interventions in the 1-0 win over Sampdoria to ensure that Barca would lift their first ever European Cup – ironically here at Wembley Stadium.



RIVALDO
FORWARD | 1997-2002

- 235 games
- 130 goals
- 2 x La Liga titles – (1997-98, 1998-99)
- Copa del Rey winner (1997-98)
- UEFA Super Cup winner – (1997)
- Ballon d'Or – (1997)
- FIFA World Player of the Year - (1997)

With his magic left foot, his electric pace and his skilled samba feet from the South American streets, Rivaldo was at the peak of his powers in his five years at the Nou Camp. The Brazilian international joined Barcelona as they looked to revive themselves again following a barren three-year spell without a league title. Louis Van Gaal took over as manager as the club tried to recapture the Dutch flair shown under Johan Cruyff, which had brought the so much success in the early 1990s. They also had to address the loss of Brazilian striker Ronaldo, who left after just a single season, but the subsequent signing of Rivaldo proved a master stroke. The forward had only been in La Liga for a season at Deportivo La Coruña before moving to Barca but the Brazilian made an immediate impact at the club as within two years, he was regarded as the best player in the world. Perhaps his stand out moment in a Blaugrana shirt was his hat-trick against Valencia, which secured the club Champions League football for the following season. With both Valencia and Barca battling for qualification going into the final day, Rivaldo bagged what some regard as the greatest hat-trick to have ever been scored. The winger opened the scoring with a curling free-kick before grabbing his second with a pile driver from 30-yards. With the score tied at 2-2 with just two minutes left, Rivaldo controlled the ball on his chest at the edge of the box and, with nothing looking on, produced an acrobatic overhead kick into the bottom right-hand corner.

RONALDINHO
MIDFIELD | 2003-2008

- 207 games
- 94 goals
- 2x La Liga titles – (2004-05, 2005-06)
- 2x Supercopa de España winner – (2005, 2006)
- UEFA Champions League winner – (2005-06)
- Ballon d'Or winner – 2005
- 2x FIFA World Player of the Year – (2004, 2005)
- 2x FIFPro World Player of the Year (2005, 2006)

Ronaldinho was more than a footballer. He was an entertainer, a magician who could do anything with a football. The Brazilian arrived in the Catalan capital from Paris Saint Germain in 2003 as a marquee signing. The forward was unveiled to supporters in what was a tough period for Barca when they weren't challenging for the La Liga title. The signing of Ronaldinho however, changed that. 'El Gaucho' loved the game. He was a joy to watch because he always had a smile on his face and could always provide a spark. He could change the game instantly with breath-taking skill and every game it would be a different piece of samba sparkle. The Nou Camp crowd were given a taste of that magic in his first game at the famous stadium as he scored the opening goal against Sevilla. Picking the ball up from goalkeeper Victor Valdes inside his own half, he dribbled through the heart of the opposition midfield and, when he found just enough room 30 yards out from goal, fired in an unstoppable strike that slammed in off the underside of the bar. The stadium erupted with such noise that the local observatory recorded seismic activity in the city! An exquisite lob from the Brazilian even set Lionel Messi on his way to becoming Barca's all-time top scorer, as he provided the assist for the Argentine's first ever goal for Barcelona. At the end of that season, Ronaldinho was named FIFA's World Player of the Year and retained the award the following year, as well as winning the Champions League and the Ballon d'Or. The forward brought the smile back to Barca in his five years at the club before leaving in 2008 for AC Milan.

ANDRÉS INIESTA
MIDFIELD | 2002-2018

- 674 games
- 57 goals
- 9x La Liga titles - (2004-05, 2005-06, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18)
- 6x Copa del Rey winner – (2008-09, 2011-12, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)
- 6x Supercopa de España winner – (2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016)
- 4x UEFA Champions League winner – (2005-06, 2008-09, 2010-11, 2014-15)
- 2x Champions League titles – (2011, 2015)
- FIFA Club World Cup (2009, 2011, 2015)

The Nou Camp said goodbye to one it's legends of the modern era in May this year, as Andrés Iniesta departed Barcelona, almost 16 years after making his debut. The diminutive Spanish midfielder was an architect with the ball as he created chances with ease. Iniesta was Barca's key to unlocking Spanish and European defences while he was also fond of hitting the back of the net himself. The importance of his influence on the club was first seen in the 2006 Champions League Final. With Barca losing 1-0 to Arsenal, manager Frank Rijkaard decided to introduce a young Iniesta from the bench and the Spaniard immediately got to work. His vision to pick out Henrik Larsson was crucial in the build up to Samuel Eto'o's equaliser, which set Barca on their way to sealing their second European Cup. Two years later, after the departure of Ludovic Giuly, Iniesta was given the number eight shirt for the first time and it was in that jersey that he would go on to score the winning goal against Chelsea in dramatic fashion in their 2009 Champions League semi-final. That goal would put Barca on the way to winning a historic treble that season under Pep Guardiola. Iniesta's influence in that famous side would see him in front of team mate Xavi and runner-up to Lionel Messi in the 2010 Ballon d'Or, as Barcelona scooped all the podium places that season. Iniesta's control of the midfield continued to grow in the following years, as did Barca's grip on Europe. Two years later, the midfielder scooped the UEFA's Best Player in Europe award before he won his fourth Champions League after Barca beat Juventus 3-1 in Berlin. Iniesta currently sits as the club's second highest appearance maker, playing an incredible 674 games for the Catalan side.

JOHAN CRUYFF
FORWARD | 1973-1978

- 368 appearances
- 61 goals
- 2x Ballon d'Or – (1973, 1974)
- La Liga Winner – (1973-74)
- Copa del Rey – (1977-78)

MANAGER | 1988-1996

- 430 games
- Don Balón Award for Coach of the Year – (1987)
- 4x La Liga titles – (1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94)
- Copa del Rey winner - (1989-90)
- 3x Supercopa de España winner – (1991, 1992, 1994)
- European Cup/ UEFA Champions League – (1991-92)
- UEFA Cup Winners Cup – (1988-89)
UEFA Super Cup – (1992)

Not much more can be written about Johan Cruyff other than the fact he is a man that helped revolutionise the beautiful game while as a player and as a manager. That impact was keenly felt in Barcelona. Cruyff arrived in the Catalan capital for his first spell as a player in 1973 with Barca fourth bottom of La Liga after seven games. By the end of the season, the influence of the Dutchman saw Barca get their hands on a first league title in 14 years after going 22 games unbeaten. The genius playmaker scored 24 goals that season including a strike in the famous 5-0 win over Real Madrid at the Santiago Bernabeu and a certain effort that has been described as the 'Phantom goal' or 'Cruyff's impossible goal', against Atletico Madrid. In the match, the ball had been fired across the box and looked to be heading for a goal-kick but Cruyff leapt highest and stretched his right leg out towards the ball. Without even looking, the forward used his ingenuity to clip the ball with his heel, sending it flying into the top corner and leaving fans mesmerised. The Dutch international would only go onto add one more piece of silverware before leaving Barca in 1978, however it would be his return as manager where he would significantly add to the club's trophy haul. His spell in the hot seat at the Nou Camp began in 1988 and saw Cruyff revolutionise the game further, as he emphasised his philosophy on attack, playing with just three at the back and using midfielders as defenders. His 'Dream Team' would go onto win four consecutive league titles and Barca's first ever European Cup, beating Sampdoria 1-0 here at Wembley in 1992.

CARLES PUYOL
DEFENDER | 1999-2014

- 663 games
- 20 goals
- 6x La Liga titles (2004-05, 2005-06, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13)
- 2x Copa del Rey winner (2008-09, 2011-12)
- 6x Supercopa de España – (2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013)
- 3x UEFA Champions League winner – (2005-06, 2008-09, 2010-11)
- 2x UEFA Super Cup winner – (2009, 2011)
- 2x FIFA Club World Cup titles – (2009, 2011)

A Barca stalwart for 15 years, Carles Puyol is synonymous with the Catalan club after he skippered them to three Champions League titles and two Club World Cup titles. The tough-tackling, no-nonsense defender started his career at right-back but soon converted to his more revered position in the heart of the defence. Following Luis Enrique's retirement in 2004, Puyol took the captain's armband for the first time, immediately leading Barca two consecutive league titles, the club's first in six years. He would also go on to lift their second European Cup in 2006 in Paris following a 2-1 win over Arsenal. Puyol also had an eye for goal and was always a danger from a corner. Powerful headers were his trademark but his goals in his first season demonstrated that the Spaniard had much more technical ability to his game. His first was against Real Valladolid where he played a slick one-two with Javier Saviola before smashing the ball into the top corner from 20 yards and his second was even more special, scoring an overhead kick in a 6-0 win over Tenerife. Further league titles and Champions League medals piled into Puyol's trophy cabinet as he led Barca on the pitch under the stewardship of Pep Guardiola, in one of the club's most successful periods. One moment that will stand out in the defender's highlights reel will be his goal in Barca's 6-2 win over Real Madrid in 2009 in the El Clásico, at the Santiago Bernabeu. It wasn't the goal, the venue, or even the scoreline which made it that memorable, but the moments after the goal where Puyol ripped off his captain's armband and kissed it before raising it aloft in front of the crowd.

Barcelona

Club Info:

Founded: **1899**
Ground: **Nou Camp**
Capacity: **99,354**

Manager:

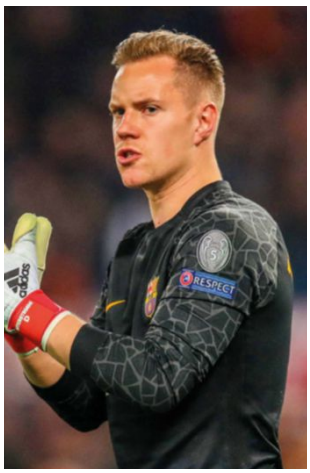
ERNESTO VALVERDE

The former Bilbao and Valencia coach arrived at the Nou Camp in the summer of 2017, and made an immediate impression by winning La Liga in his first season, his side remaining unbeaten in the league until a 5-4 defeat in the penultimate game of the campaign. However, Barcelona were knocked out of the Champions League by Roma in the quarter-finals, so Valverde will be aiming for European improvement this time around.

Form Guide:

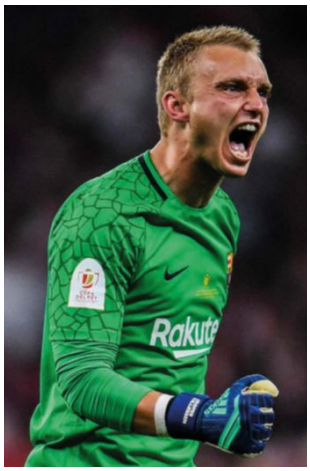
Barcelona convincingly won their opening Champions League fixture, beating PSV Eindhoven 4-0 at the Nou Camp thanks to a Lionel Messi hat-trick as well as a strike from Ousmane Dembele. They also sit top of La Liga at the time of writing, although an unexpected defeat to Leganes was a recent spanner in the works. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Messi leads the way in terms of goalscoring, with eight in all competitions so far.

01 Marc-Andre TER STEGEN



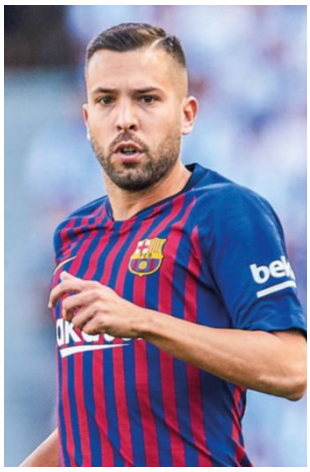
Position: Goalkeeper
Date of birth: 30.04.92
Playing his fifth season at the Spanish giants, Ter Stegen has established himself as one of the best goalkeepers in the world. Born in Monchengladbach, the German international joined his hometown club at the age of four, working his way up to the senior side, before making the £9.7million move to Barcelona in the summer of 2014.

13 Jasper CILLESSEN



Position: Goalkeeper
Date of birth: 22.04.89
Formerly with NEC Nijmegen and Ajax, the Dutch goalkeeper joined Barcelona in the summer of 2016. He won three league titles at Ajax and became first choice for his country after making his debut in June, 2013. While currently second choice to Marc-Andre Ter Stegen, he has played a major role in Barcelona's last two Copa del Rey campaigns, winning the trophy in both years.

18 Jordi ALBA



Position: Defender
Date of birth: 21.03.89
Jordi Alba began his career as a left winger, joining Barcelona's youth ranks, but was released after being deemed too small. He made his return to the club after a spell at Valencia. Having made his Barca debut against Real Sociedad in August, 2012, Alba has been capped 66 times for Spain, scoring in the Euro 2012 Final against Italy.

03 Gerard PIQUE

Position: Defender
Date of birth: 02.02.87
Gerard Pique signed his first professional contract with Manchester United, making his debut in a League Cup tie against Crewe Alexandra in 2004, before moving back to Barcelona, where he started out as a youngster. The Barca-born defender has strong family links to his local side – with his grandfather Amador Bernabeu a former vice-president of the club. Pique played every minute in Spain's 2010 World Cup triumph and starred again as they won the 2012 European Championship.

STATS 2018-19

TACKLES PER GAME: 1
CLEARANCES PER GAME: 3.5
PASS ACCURACY: 94%
PASSES PER GAME: 86.5

GOALS SCORED
1

The calm defender

23 Samuel UMTITI

Position: Defender
Date of birth: 14.11.93
French centre-back Umtiti played a key role in his country's World Cup victory this summer, scoring the only goal in the semi-final victory over Belgium as well as forming a solid rearguard partnership with Rafael Varane. The Cameroon-born stopper arrived at the Nou Camp in the summer of 2016 after signing from Lyon.

Stats Life

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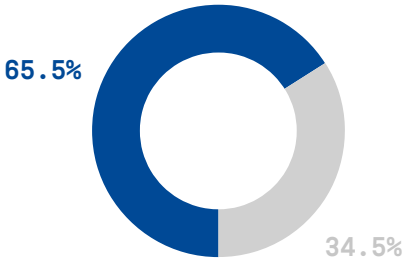
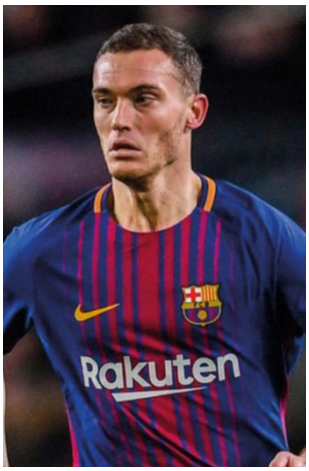


PASS SUCCESS 91%
SHOTS ON TARGET 9
SHOTS PER GAME 20.1
INTERCEPTIONS 8
TACKLES 13
FOULS 10

(Average per Champions League game, 2018-19 season)

24 Thomas VERMAELEN

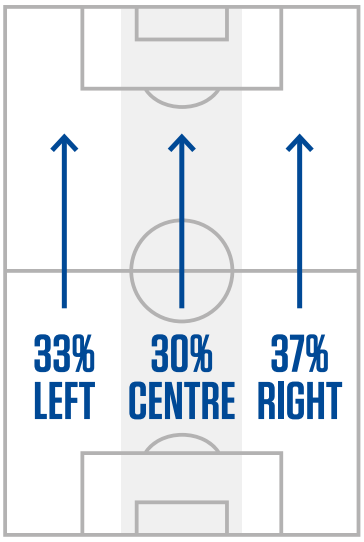


Position: Defender
Date of birth: 14.11.85
The former Arsenal defender began his career at Ajax before moving to North London in 2009. After five years representing the Gunners, he joined Barcelona in 2014. The Belgian stopper spent the 2016/17 season on loan at AS Roma, and was another in the Barca squad to feature in this summer's World Cup.

15 Clement LENGLET

Position: Defender
Date of birth: 17.06.95
The centre-back began his career at Nancy, where he made 85 appearances for the club and won the Ligue 2 title in the 2015/16 season. The Frenchman made his move to Spanish football last year, joining Sevilla, with his performances in the Champions League being highly praised. He joined Barcelona in the summer, but saw red in his La Liga debut against Girona.

On The Attack



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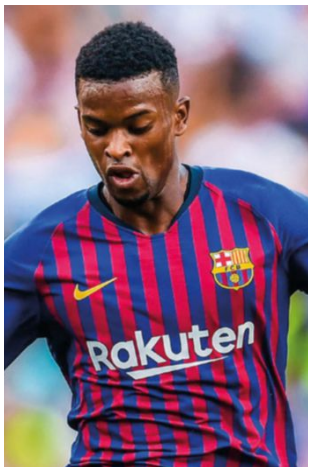
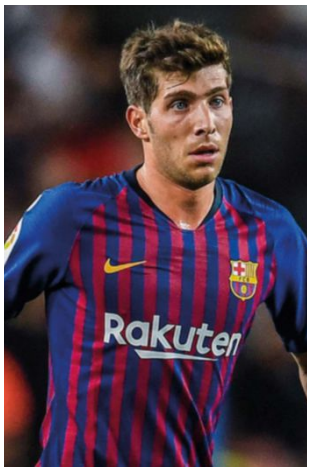


Position: Defender
Date of birth: 16.11.93
The 24-year-old Nelson Semedo joined Barcelona in 2017 from Portuguese giants Benfica. His electric pace and ability to influence the game at either end of the pitch make him an exciting talent on the right hand side. Coming through the youth ranks of Sintrense, he made his senior debut at the age of 17 while the Portuguese international won two league titles with Benfica.

12 RAFINHA

Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 12.02.93
Born in Sao Paulo, he joined Barcelona's youth set-up in 2006 at the age of 13 to link up with his brother Thiago. An attacking midfielder, he made his first team debut in 2011/12 and featured alongside his brother for the first time in Barca's Champions League defeat of Bate Borisov in December, 2011. Loaned out to Celta Vigo in 2012/13, he also spent the second half of last season on loan at Inter.

20 Sergi ROBERTO



Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 07.02.92
The versatile Sergi Roberto worked his way through the Barcelona set-up to make his debut in a Copa del Rey victory against Ceuta in November, 2010. He has the ability to operate all over the pitch, being utilised in midfield and right-back. Roberto scored the final goal in Barcelona's 6-1 Champions League win against PSG in 2017, as they overturned a four-goal deficit.

Barcelona's Last Five Games:

26.09.18, Estadio Municipal de Butarque, La Liga
CD LEGANES 2 (El Zhar 52, Arnaiz 53)
BARCELONA 1 (Coutinho 12)

23.09.18, Nou Camp, La Liga
BARCELONA 2 (Messi 19, Pique 63)
GIRONA FC 2 (Stuani 45, 51)

18.09.18, Nou Camp, Champions League
BARCELONA 4 (Messi 31, 77, 87, Dembele 74)
PSV 0

15.09.18, Anoeta Stadium, La Liga
REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Elustondo 12)
BARCELONA 2 (Suarez 63, Dembele 66)

02.09.18, Nou Camp, La Liga
BARCELONA 8 (Messi 16, 61, Pulido (og) 24, Suarez 39, 90 (pen), Dembele 48, Rakitic 52, Alba 81)
HUESCA 2 (Hernandez 3, Falguera 42)

Barcelona's 10-Year Record

SEASON	POS	GP	W	D	L	PTS
2008-09	1ST	38	27	6	5	87
2009-10	1ST	38	31	6	1	99
2010-11	1ST	38	30	6	2	96
2011-12	2ND	38	28	7	3	91
2012-13	1ST	38	32	4	2	100
2013-14	2ND	38	27	6	5	87
2014-15	1ST	38	30	4	4	94
2015-16	1ST	38	29	4	5	91
2016-17	2ND	38	28	6	4	90
2017-18	1ST	38	28	9	1	93

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05 Sergio BUSQUETS

Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 16.07.88
Sergio Busquets joined Barca in the summer of 2005, made his senior debut in 2008, and has been such a vital cog in the Catalan's midfield that he now sits seventh in the list of Barcelona's highest appearance makers. A regular for Spain since 2009, he has won a whole host of trophies for club and country while his dad Carles Busquets played in goal for Barcelona in the 1990s.

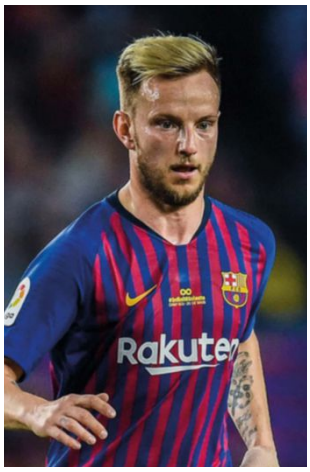
Last Three Home Euro Meetings against Spanish opponents:

01.11.17, Wembley Stadium, Champions League
TOTTENHAM 3 (Dele 27, 56, Eriksen 65)
REAL MADRID 1 (Ronaldo 80)

13.04.11, White Hart Lane, Champions League
TOTTENHAM 0
REAL MADRID 1 (Ronaldo 50)

25.10.07, White Hart Lane, UEFA Cup
TOTTENHAM 1 (Defoe 19)
GETAFE 2 (de la Red 21, Braulio 70)

04 Ivan RAKITIC

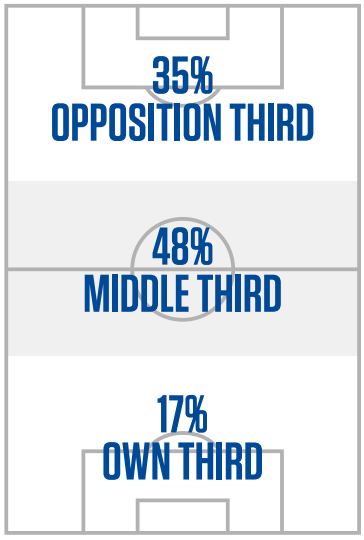


Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 10.03.88
The Croatian international began his playing career in Switzerland. The midfielder collected the Young Player of the Year in his second season with FC Basel before moving to Schalke 04. Now in his fifth season with Barcelona, after joining from Sevilla – where he won the 2014 Europa League – Rakitic scored in Barca's Champions League Final success over Juventus in 2015.

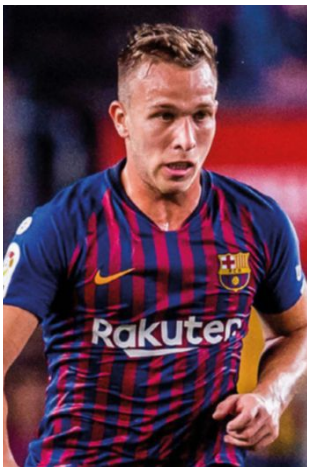
07 Philippe COUTINHO

Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 12.06.92
The Rio-born Coutinho can operate in attacking midfield or from wide. Starting his career with Vasco da Gama, he moved to Inter Milan and had a loan spell at Espanyol before joining Liverpool in January, 2013. He was a key player during his time at Anfield, weighing in with some stunning strikes, before moving to Barcelona in January in one of the most expensive transfers ever.

Action Zones



08 Arthur MELO



Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 12.08.96
Another summer addition, Brazilian Arthur Melo scored his first goal for Barcelona against us in pre-season. The 22-year-old, who operates in the centre of midfield, joined from Gremio and his style of play earned him comparisons to Barcelona great Andreas Iniesta, with his accurate passing the defining asset to his game. Melo was also named on the standby list for Brazil's World Cup squad.

10 Lionel MESSI

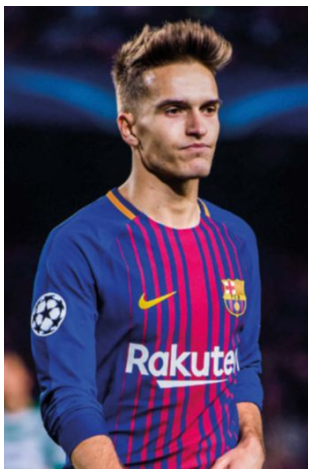
Position: Forward
Date of birth: 24.06.97
Lionel Messi holds so many records that it's simply impossible to list them all. Born in Rosario, he started his career with Newell's Old Boys, joining Barcelona in 2001, making his debut in a friendly against Porto at 16 and has broken numerous records ever since. He has won five Ballon d'Or awards, nine La Liga titles, four Champions League trophies and holds the record for most official goals scored in La Liga (388), a La Liga season (50), a club season in Europe (73), a calendar year for club and country (91 in 2012) and is Argentina's all-time leading goalscorer.

STATS 2018-19

GOALS: 5
PASS ACCURACY: 82.6%
SHOTS PER GAME: 4.5
KEY PASSES: 4

The mercurial maestro

6 Denis SUÁREZ

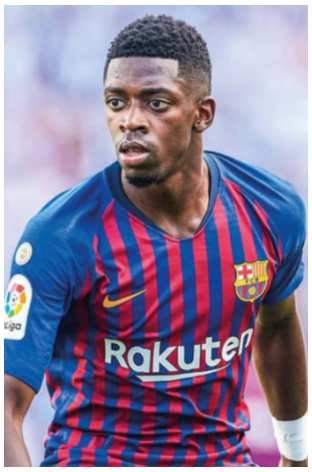


Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 06.01.94
Midfielder Suarez signed for Manchester City as a youngster in 2011, but returned to Spain two years later. He spent the 2014/15 season on loan at Sevilla before joining Villarreal the following season. Barcelona then exercised a buy-back clause to bring him back to the Nou Camp in2016. A Spanish youth international, he also has one cap for the senior side.

22 Arturo VIDAL

Position: Midfielder
Date of birth: 22.05.87
Born in Santiago, Chile, Vidal holds an impressive resumé of European clubs. Joining Barcelona in the summer transfer window, he moved from Bayern Munich – where he won the Bundesliga. Also spending time at Juventus – where he won the Serie A – he now arrives in Spain hoping to win his third different European club title. Vastly experienced, he features regularly for Chile.

11 Ousmane DEMBELE

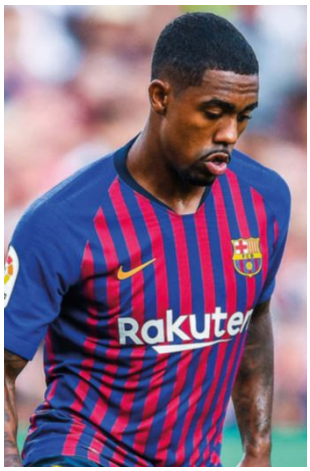


Position: Forward
Date of birth: 15.05.97
Born in Vernon in France, Ousmane Dembele started his career at Rennes, before moving to Dortmund in 2016. He scored 10 goals and provided 20 assists during his one season in Germany and he made the move to Barcelona in August last year. The French international has begun the season in excellent form after a run of starts in the Barca front three.

European head-to-head record v Spurs

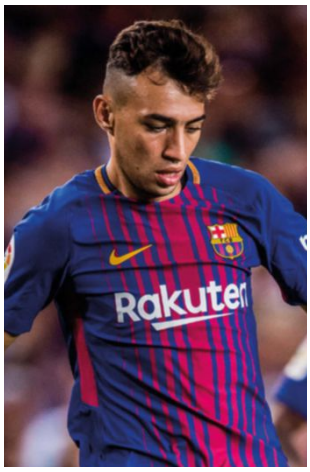
Played – 2
Won – 1
Drawn – 1
Lost – 0
Goals for – 2
Goals against – 1

14 MALCOM



Position: Forward
Date of birth: 26.02.97
A tricky, speedy winger, he joined Barcelona from French side Bordeaux. He began his career at Corinthians in Brazil, winning the league title with his hometown club before moving to France in January, 2016. Last season was his most prolific for the club, scoring 12 goals and catching the eye of Barcelona, who swooped to capture his signature in the summer.

19 Munir EL HADDADI



Position: Forward
Date of birth: 01.09.95
Made his Barcelona debut in 2014, where he scored in a win against Elche. The goal made him Barcelona's third youngest goalscorer behind Lionel Messi and Bojan – it also came in the same season that saw him nominated for the 2014 Golden Boy Award. Having had loan spells at Valencia and Alaves, the highly-rated forward will be hoping for more game time now back at Barca.

09 Luis SUAREZ

Position: Forward
Date of birth: 24.01.87
Now in his fifth season with Barca, Luis Suarez started his career with Club Nacional in his homeland of Uruguay before first coming to Europe with FC Groningen in Holland aged just 19. From there he joined Ajax, was top scorer in the Eredivisie in 20019/10 and moved to the Premier League with Liverpool in 2011. A regular name on the scoresheet at Anfield, he netted 31 goals in 33 games in his last season in England, moving to the Nou Camp in the summer of 2014. Scored in the Champions League Final of 2015, a season in which Barca completed the treble.

STATS 2018-19

ASSISTS: 2
SHOTS PER GAME: 3.2
KEY PASSES PER GAME: 1.3
DRIBBLES PER GAME: 0.5

GOALS SCORED
3

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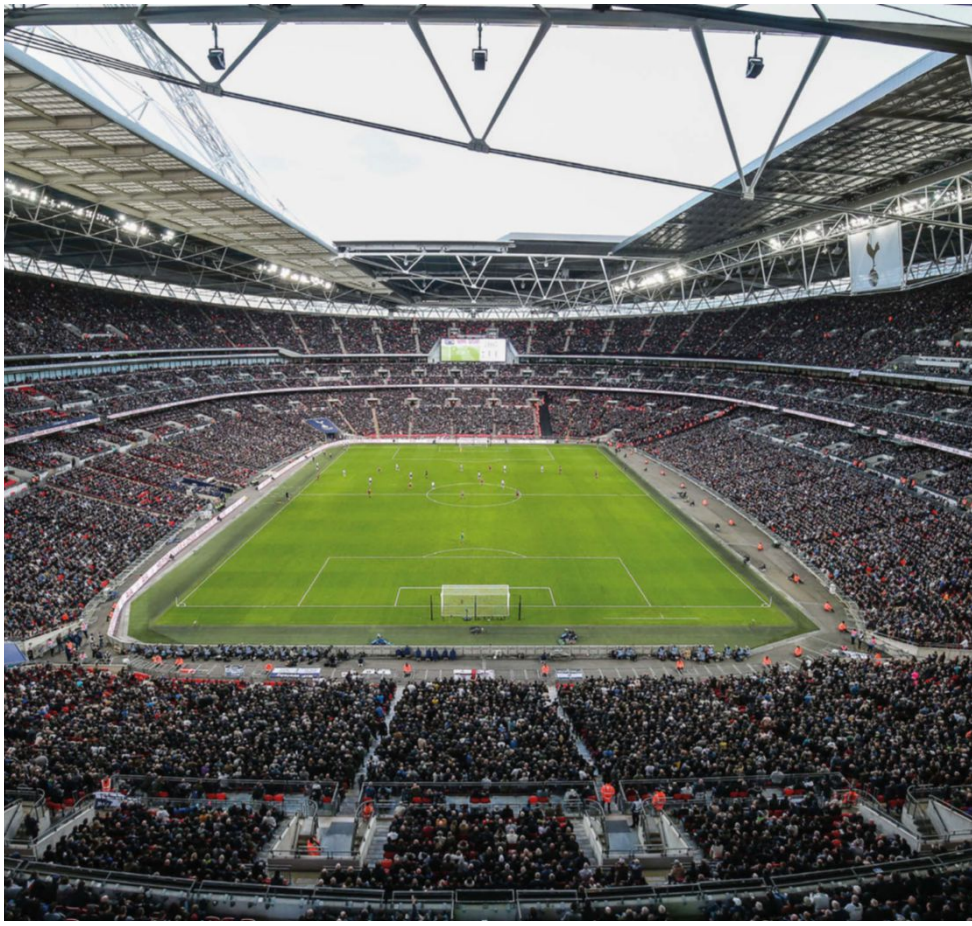

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TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER
KICK-OFF 5.55PM (UK TIME)

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WEMBLEY STADIUM
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UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
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Allocation: 4,610

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BARCA'S WEMBLEY FINALS

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SAMPDORIA 0
BARCELONA 1 (Koeman)

European Cup Final
20 May, 1992
Attendance: 70,827

Given the size and success of the modern-day Barcelona, it is hard to believe that they arrived at Wembley Stadium in 1992 still seeking their first European Cup final victory.

The pressure was certainly on the Catalan club, who had fallen at the final hurdle to Benfica in 1961 and then, under Terry Venables, were upset by Steaua Bucharest on penalties in 1986. Johan Cruyff's side were blessed with talent, front pair Hristo Stoichkov and Julio Salinas ably supported by the brilliant Michael Laudrup.

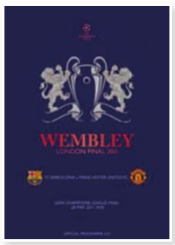
Sampdoria offered a severe test, not least through their own strike force of Gianluci Vialli and Roberto Mancini, and the underdogs came close to scoring first when Attilio Lombardo's drive was brilliantly repelled by Andoni Zubizarreta.

Gianluca Pagliuca was the busier goalkeeper thereafter though, parrying Stoichkov's header in the first half then saving from Salinas and Eusebio Sacristán after the interval. The custodian was beaten by Stoichkov only for the post to thwart the Bulgarian striker but Sampdoria then missed a glorious chance when Vialli clipped wide with just Zubizarreta to beat.

Chances were hard to come by in extra time but Barça's landmark moment arrived when Sacristán was tripped on the edge of the area and Ronald Koeman hammered his free-kick across Pagliuca with eight minutes remaining.

Barcelona: Zubizarreta (c), Nando, Ferrer, Koeman, Juan Carlos, Bakero, Salinas (Goikoetxea), Stoichkov, Laudrup, Guardiola (Alexanko), Sacristán.
Sampdoria: Pagliuca, Mannini, Vierchowod, Lanna, Katanec, Lombardo, Pari, Cerezo, Bonetti (Invernizzi), Vialli (Buso), Mancini.

BARCELONA 3 (Pedro, Messi, Villa)
MANCHESTER UNITED 1 (Rooney)



Champions League Final
28 May 2011
Attendance: 87,695

In contrast to that success in 1992, Barcelona were hunting a third Champions League trophy in six years when their glittering array of stars arrived here at Wembley Stadium in 2011.

Pep Guardiola's charges had already got the better of Sir Alex Ferguson's United when winning 2-0 in the showpiece two years earlier and they were favourites again with a team featuring the tiki-taka kings Xavi Hernández and Andrés Iniesta in midfield, and the clinical David Villa and Lionel Messi further forward.

After a shaky start, Barça nerves were calmed when Pedro Rodríguez fired past Edwin van der Sar from Xavi's slide-rule pass but United hit back seven minutes later when Wayne Rooney exchanged passes with Ryan Giggs and curled in the equaliser.

Not for the first time, it was Messi who rose to the big occasion. The Argentinian genius had put Real Madrid to the sword with both goals at the Santiago Bernabéu in the semi-final first leg, and he scored against United in a second final when he rifled in from 20 yards in the 54th minute.

A United outfit starved of possession were struggling to stem the tide with van der Sar called on to stop Messi, Xavi and Iniesta giving the rampant Spanish champions daylight. A fourth European crown was confirmed though when Villa curled in the third to cap another dominant display and continue building the Barcelona dynasty.

Barcelona: Valdés, Alves (Puyol), Mascherano, Piqué, Abidal, Busquets, Xavi (c), Iniesta, Villa (Keita), Messi, Pedro (Afellay).
United: van der Sar, Fabio (Nani), Ferdinand, Vidic (c), Evra, Valencia,

Total Recall...

LOOKING BACK AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND CLUB CONNECTIONS WITH TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS

Despite our long association with European football stretching right back to our first-ever appearance in the 1961/62 European Cup, it's somewhat surprising that we have only met Barcelona once in competitive action.

It came in the semi-finals of the 1981/82 European Cup Winners' Cup, which we'd qualified for courtesy of our FA Cup triumph the previous season. This was our first appearance in Europe since losing the 1974 UEFA Cup Final to Feyenoord.

We reached the last four after disposing of Ajax, Irish side Dundalk and Eintracht Frankfurt, while the Spaniards knocked out Bulgarians Botev Plovdiv, Dukla Prague and Lokomotiv Leipzig.

White Hart Lane was the venue for the first leg on 7 April, 1982, and it would be fair to say the game wasn't pretty. We were renowned at the time for a free-flowing style of football under Keith Burkinshaw and were certainly tough to beat on our own patch, so Barcelona did their best to prevent us playing our usual game.

It was a most controversial night of football, with the visitors deploying dubious spoiling tactics to knock us out of our stride and, unfortunately, it worked. Dutch referee Egbert Mulder could have taken action long before he sent off Juan Estella in the 57th minute but, even though they were reduced to 10 men, Barcelona made the breakthrough, Antonio Olmo's long-range effort slipping through the grasp of Ray Clemence to give the Catalans a vital away goal.

We weren't to be denied on the night though and levelled with five minutes remaining thanks to Graham Roberts, who side-footed home Glenn Hoddle's free-kick from close range. It was no more than we deserved and gave us a lifeline heading to Spain for the return leg.

Burkinshaw commented afterwards "If we play in Spain like Barcelona did

Below: Barcelona line up ahead of their 1982 match at White Hart Lane

there would be a revolution" while even Barca manager Udo Lattek said "I don't think teams like Spurs and Barcelona should do things like that to each other."

TEAMS:
Spurs – Clemence, Hughton, Miller (Jones), Price, Hazard, Perryman, Roberts, Villa, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.
Barcelona – Urruti, Sanchez, Olmo, Ramos, Manolo, Alexanco, Simonsen, Gerardo, Carrasco, Estella, Moran.

Two weeks later we reconvened at the Nou Camp and we approached the game confident of pulling off the result we needed to reach the final.

But the match proved to be a step too far, coming at the end of a gruelling fixture backlog caused by the harsh winter which finally caught up with us. We looked a little jaded on the night but still produced a valiant display, the only thing missing being that vital away goal.

As it was, Barcelona scored the only goal of the game a minute into the second half when Danish striker Allen Simonsen stabbed home after Quini's header had looped into the area. A floodlight failure midway through the first half probably didn't help our cause.

At one stage that season, we had been fighting on all four fronts but it all unravelled quite quickly, as we lost the 1982 League Cup Final to Liverpool, exited Europe in this game and slipped away in the league, having to play eight league matches in 17 days.

"If this is failure, I want more of it," said a defiant Burkinshaw, who subsequently led us to retain the FA Cup a few weeks later.

TEAMS:
Barcelona - Urruti, Ramos, Olmo, Alexanco, Manolo, Sánchez, Moratalla, Gerardo, Quini (Esteban), Simonsen (Zuviría), Carrasco.
Spurs – Clemence, Hughton, Price (Falco), Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Villa, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.

Our most recent meeting with Barcelona came just a few months ago on 29 July, when we played each other in the International Champions Cup at the famous Rose Bowl in Los Angeles during our pre-season tour to the USA.

Barca took a 2-0 lead inside 30 minutes thanks to Munir El Haddadi's close-range header on 12 minutes and Arthur's fine strike into the top corner on 29.

But quickfire goals from Heung-Min Son and Georges-Kevin Nkoudou after 73 and 75 minutes brought us back into the game and rewarded a dominant second half performance.

We created numerous half-chances in the final 10 minutes as we piled on

Above and below: Our meetings with Barca this summer

the pressure looking for a winning goal, captain on the night Christian Eriksen curling a 25-yard free-kick past Jasper Cillessen but it struck the foot of the post.

However, it ended 2-2 and the match was decided by spot-kicks. Son and Ben Davies scored as the first four penalties hit the net but Anthony Georgiou's effort was saved by Cillessen diving to his right to give Barca the advantage. Davinson Sanchez slotted home but Malcom had the chance to put us out of reach and did just that, converting to make it 5-3.

TEAMS:

Barcelona - Cillessen, Miranda (Palencia 46), Lenglet (Mingueza 46), Santos (Cuenca 46), Semedo (Cucurella 46), S Roberto (c) (Monchu 46), Gomes (Puig 26), D Suarez (Perez 46 (Tabla 70), Rafinha (Collado 46), Melo (Malcom 46), Munir (Ruiz 46).

Spurs - Gazzaniga (Vorm 61), Aurier, Carter-Vickers, Davies, Walker-Peters (Sanchez 46), Amos, Sissoko (Nkoudou 35), Lucas (Georgiou 61), Eriksen (c), Son, Llorente (Skipp 46). Substitutes (not used): Whiteman, Eyoma, Marsh.

Our only other clash with the Spanish giants ironically came at this stadium when we met in the four-team Wembley Cup tournament in pre-season ahead of the 2009/10 campaign.

Celtic and Egyptian side Al Ahly were the other teams involved, with each side playing two games, and the first match saw Celtic beat Al Ahly 5-0 on 24 July. We faced Barcelona later that same day, with the attendance across the double header being 57,932.

Pep Guardiola was in charge of our opponents that evening, having led them to Champions League glory against Manchester United just a few months earlier. His side took a 32nd-minute lead when Yaya Toure's mazy run was ended by a Tom Huddlestone tackle, only for Bojan to lash home at the near post.

Former Spur Eidur Gudjohnsen later set up Pedro, but his effort was ruled out for offside before we struck the bar through Luka Modric. But Harry Redknapp's side did force an equaliser in the 83rd-minute when youngster Jake Livermore headed in Benoit Assou-Ekotto's cross.

Two days later, Barca beat Al Ahly 4-1 while Celtic beat us 2-0 to top the group and lift the trophy.

Below: Jake Livermore scores in 2009 Bottom: Wilson Palacios battles with Eidur Gudjohnsen

TEAMS:

Spurs - Cudicini (Gomes), Hutton (Naughton), Corluka, Huddlestone (Bostock), Ekotto (Dervite), Lennon, Jenas (Chimbonda), Palacios (Livermore), O'Hara (Keane) Modric (Rose) Defoe

Barcelona – Jorquera (Pinto), Montoya (Dalmau), Caceres (Muniesa), Fontas (Henrique), Abidal (Espasandin), Gai (Oriol), Sanchez (Keita), Toure (Rueda), Pedro (Jonathan), Bojan (Rochina), Gudjohnsen (Jeffren).

A number of players have worn the colours of both clubs, starting with Steve Archibald.

The Scottish international struck up an immediate rapport with fellow striker Garth Crooks following his arrival at White Hart Lane from Aberdeen in May, 1980. The pair worked well together in attack and their goals helped us to FA Cup success in 1981 and 1982 and the UEFA Cup triumph in 1984, before Barcelona came calling for Archibald's services that summer. Former Spur Terry Venables was in charge at the Nou Camp and identified 'Archie' as the man to score the goals for Barca. He was, in effect, signed to replace Diego Maradona, who had left to join Napoli, and Archibald helped Barcelona win the La Liga title in his first season. He also led their attack in the 1986 European Cup Final against Steaua Bucharest, which they lost on penalties. Archibald left Barca to join Division Two Blackburn Rovers midway through 1987/88, before signing permanently

Left: Steve Archibald at Barcelona

Right: Glory for Gica Popescu

for Hibernian in August, 1988, with an impressive record of 42 goals in 95 La Liga games under his belt.

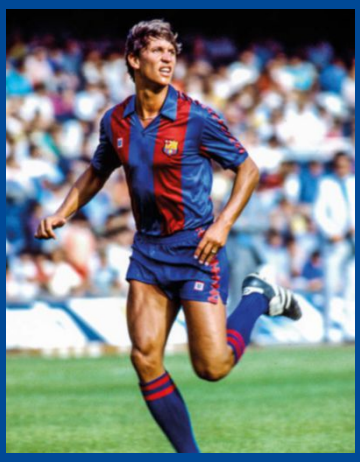
Part of the reason why Archibald left Barcelona was due to the arrival of forwards Mark Hughes and a certain Gary Lineker, who Venables signed from Everton in July, 1986. Lineker had made his name with hometown club Leicester City and Everton, scoring 40 times in a goal-laden season on Merseyside in 1985/86 in which they finished runners-up to Liverpool in both the First Division and FA Cup. He joined Barcelona having won the Golden Boot for England at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico and in his three years with the Catalans, netted 42 goals in 103 league games, becoming the competition's highest-scoring Brit until surpassed by Gareth Bale in March, 2016. Lineker left Spain to join Spurs in June, 1989, and brought with him his goalscoring touch, weighing in with 80 goals in 139 appearances in our colours and helping us win the 1991 FA Cup.

Attacking midfielder Nayim started his career at Barcelona, having joined their youth set-up at the age of 12 and working his way through the ranks. He was handed his first team debut by Terry Venables but then suffered a serious knee ligament injury and, on his return, found opportunities limited under new coach Johan Cruyff. Venables had moved to take over at White Hart Lane and didn't hesitate to offer Nayim a new start in N17, initially signing him on loan before a permanent deal was struck in June, 1989. Popular with the Spurs fans, he also played his part in our 1991 FA Cup success, replacing the injured Paul Gascoigne in the final against Nottingham Forest. In total, Nayim played 144 times for us, scoring 18 goals, and his goal from the halfway line for Real Zaragoza against Arsenal in the 1995 European Cup Winners' Cup Final only endeared him even further to the Spurs faithful!

Having established himself with Universitatea Craiova in his homeland and then PSV Eindhoven, Romanian midfielder Gica Popescu spent brief spells at both Spurs and Barcelona. He thrived under Sir Bobby Robson in Eindhoven and it was no surprise that the gifted playmaker moved to the Premier League when Ossie Ardiles signed him for us in September, 1994. But he was never quite able to display his talents in English football and featured just 28 times in our colours, scoring three goals. Joining Barcelona in July, 1995, Popescu helped them win the Copa del Rey and the Cup Winners' Cup in 1996/97 before joining Galatasaray at the end of the season.

Another highly talented player who had short spells at both clubs is Edgar Davids. One of the finest midfielders of his generation, the Dutch international had already played for Ajax, Milan and Juventus when he joined Barcelona on loan in January, 2004. With the team struggling in mid-table at the time, Davids inspired their resurgence to finish second behind Valencia despite playing just 18 times. He then spent a year with Inter before arriving in N17 in August, 2005, as a stellar name in Martin Jol's squad. With his distinguishable style and commitment in midfield, he became a fans' favourite at the Lane even if he did only play 44 times during his two-year stay.

Icelandic striker Eidur Gudjohnsen enjoyed great success in England with Bolton Wanderers and Chelsea, winning two Premier League titles with the latter before joining Barcelona in June, 2006. He spent three years in Spain and was part of the Barca side that won the La Liga, Copa del Rey and Champions League treble in 2009. Gudjohnsen signed for Spurs on loan in January, 2010, scoring twice in 13 appearances, and has since spent time with Stoke City, Fulham, AEK Athens, Club Brugge, Bolton again, Shijiazhuang Ever Bright in China and Norwegian side Molde.



Left: Gary Lineker in Spain

The only person to have managed both Spurs and Barcelona is, of course, Terry Venables. A midfielder in his playing days having featured for Chelsea, QPR and Crystal Palace along with a three-year spell at the Lane between 1966-69, he first went into management when he succeeded Malcolm Allison at Palace in June, 1976. Four years at Selhurst Park were followed by a similar stint in charge at QPR and he won promotion from the Second Division with both clubs. In 1984, Venables took over at Barcelona and led them to the league title in 1985, their first for nine years. The following year, they reached the European Cup Final – their first since 1961 – where they lost on penalties to Steaua Bucharest, and the Copa del Rey, losing to Real Zaragoza. Venables left Spain for north London in November, 1987, and he guided us to 1991 FA Cup glory. Appointed manager of England in 1994, taking the Three Lions to the semi-finals of Euro 96, he also had spells in charge of Australia, Crystal Palace, Middlesbrough and Leeds United.

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Vic Buckingham (centre) at the Nou Camp museum following his appointment as Barcelona manager

VICTOR'S BARCELONA

Andy Greeves explores the impact our former player **Vic Buckingham** had on the footballing fortunes and philosophy of FC Barcelona during his time as Head Coach at the Nou Camp between 1969 and 1971

In December 1969, our former wing-half Victor Frederick Buckingham succeeded Josep Seguer as the new Head Coach of FC Barcelona. According to Jimmy Burns OBE – author of Barça: A People's Passion - the club's players viewed the appointment of the Greenwich-born manager "much as might ship-wrecked sailors glimpsing their rescue on a distant horizon: as the promise that things could only get better."

By their own high standards, Barcelona's start to the 1969-70 season had been disappointing. The Blaugrana had won just five of their 15 league matches prior to Christmas 1969 and sat 10th in La Liga when Buckingham took charge of the side. Having won the FA Cup as manager of West Bromwich Albion in 1954 and steered Dutch giants Ajax to the Eredivisie title in 1960, the Englishman arrived in Catalonia with an impressive CV, even if his command of the Spanish language left something to be desired!

"In terms of first impressions, I think Buckingham struck people in Barcelona as being slightly eccentric, both in the way he dressed and because of his mannerisms," says Burns. "His early press conferences were utterly chaotic because even the translator couldn't understand what he was trying to say! But he quickly won people over and indeed, there are many connected with FC Barcelona who point out the incredible impact he had at the club."

Following his appointment, there was a notable and swift improvement in Barcelona's league form. From the beginning of January 1970 until the end of the season, Barça won seven La Liga matches, drew four and suffered just one defeat. The Catalans also progressed to the quarter final of the Copa del Generalísimo – now known as the Copa del Rey - and a two-legged tie with old rivals Real Madrid.

Having lost 2-0 at the Santiago Bernabéu on 30 May, 1970, a huge crowd of nearly 100,000 packed into the Nou Camp seven days later, hoping to see their beloved Barcelona overturn the deficit. Things started well when Carles 'Charly' Rexach gave

Buckingham takes his place among the Spurs squad in 1949

them an early first half lead. Real Madrid responded with an equaliser from the penalty spot, after referee Emilio Guruceta penalised Juaquim Rife's challenge on Manolo Velázquez.

Guruceta's awarding of the spot-kick – converted by Real Madrid's Amancio – was a dubious decision to say the least, with Velázquez appearing to be outside the Barcelona penalty area when Rife's tackle came in. In the ensuing chaos, Barcelona's Eladio was sent off shortly after for mocking the referee. Incensed by what they were seeing on the pitch - and a feeling of wider injustice surrounding their club and region at that time - howls of derision rang out from the supporters at the Nou Camp.

"Rexach and several other players walked off the pitch in disgust at the penalty decision, only to be persuaded to return by manager Vic Buckingham for the sake of defusing a potentially ugly situation," wrote Phil Ball on the incident in Morbo: The Story of Spanish Football.

"Towards the end of that game, there was a spontaneous eruption amongst the spectators and thousands of seat cushions were thrown prior to there being a pitch invasion," adds Burns. "The so-called 'Guruceta case' became a defining moment in the history not only of El Clásico but of modern Catalonia. It was almost like a revolution breaking out.

"By all accounts, Vic was rather horrified with the scenes he witnessed. He had wanted the match to go on."

Barcelona bounced back from the disappointment of that defeat to Real Madrid with an excellent first full season under Buckingham's management in 1970-71. The Blaugrana won 1-0 at the Santiago Bernabéu in the first El Clásico of the campaign on 25 October, 1970 to exact some revenge on Los Blancos.

With 19 wins, five draws and just six defeats, Barça finished level on points with Valencia at the top of La Liga that season. The Catalans boasted a superior goal difference but Los Che were awarded the title by virtue of their superior head-to-head record with Barcelona – they triumphed 2-0 at the Nou Camp while the meeting at the Mestalla ended in a 1-1 draw.

Consolation for Buckingham's men came in the shape of the Copa del Generalísimo. Barça triumphed in a thrilling final at the Santiago Bernabéu, beating Valencia 4-3 after extra time thanks to goals from Josep Maria Fuste, Ramon

Vic during his time at Barcelona

Alfonseda and a brace from Pedro Maria Zabalza.

"The victory over Valencia will go down in the history of the club as one of the most dramatic and impassioned games we have ever seen," reported the club's magazine Barça on the 1971 Copa del Generalísimo Final. "To equalise after being two goals down and then go on and win in extra time after 120 anxiety-filled minutes is no ordinary final, rather an adventure worthy of being remembered."

In La Liga, only Atletico Madrid managed more goals than Barcelona's 50 in 30 league matches during the season while Barça's Rexach was the division's joint top-scorer with 17 strikes along with Atletico Madrid's José Eulogio Gárate. Vic's team became renowned for their distinctive style of play - dubbed 'Total Football' in later years.

'Total Football' refers to a style of play in which any outfield player can take over the role of any other player. A player who moves out of position is then covered by a team-mate, thus a shape is maintained despite the system being completely fluid. Comparisons can be made between 'Total Football' and the 'Push and Run' approach to the game made famous by our league-winning team of 1950-51 under the management of Arthur Rowe. It was Rowe who coined the expression "keep it simple, keep it accurate, keep it quick" – a phrase that could aptly be used to describe the hallmarks of 'Total Football'.

In an interview with Burns for Barça: A People's Passion, Jose-Maria Minguella – Buckingham's former translator at Barcelona – explained how Vic implemented his brand of 'Total Football' at the Nou Camp.

"EACH PLAYER HAD TO THINK OF HIMSELF LIKE AN ACTOR IN A FILM, CONSTANTLY ADAPTING TO THE CHANGE OF SCENE"

"He used to say that once a match got under way it was like a film that constantly changed scenes," commented Minguella. "Each player had to think of himself like an actor in that film, constantly adapting to the change of scene, moving his position to deal with each move that was played."

Buckingham's players bought into their manager's approach to the game with former club captain Josep Maria Fuste telling Barça: A People's Passion that Vic "made a name for himself by showing people that he understood how the game worked." Star-striker Rexach added:

"There are certain managers in the history of football who have stolen an excessive limelight, but Buckingham was not one of those who pretended that the team didn't exist without him and that it was only thanks to him that it won or lost. But he was the first coach I worked under who taught us the importance of having good players, having discipline in the changing room and having a game plan."

Buckingham himself summed up his footballing philosophies in an interview with David Winner in his 1993 book Brilliant Orange. "Possession football is the thing, not kick and rush," he said. "Long-ball football is too risky. Most of the time what pays off is educated skills. If you've got the ball, keep it. The other side can't score."

Shortly after Barcelona's victory over Valencia in the Copa del Generalísimo Final, Buckingham was forced to step down as Head Coach due to the need for surgery on a persistent back problem. He departed the Nou Camp having made a real impact on and off the pitch. As well as restoring Barça's place among Spanish football's elite during his time in Catalonia, Vic effectively lobbied for the Spanish football authorities to end their ban of signing foreign players.

"The general consensus is that he's something of an unsung hero at the club… that's certainly the view of many former players and supporters that knew him or got to see his influence on the team," says Burns. "They all underline what an important factor he was in the evolution of the club and their style of play. He is seen as the precursor of the 'Total Football' movement at Barcelona that Johan Cruyff was famed for.

"His concept of football was ahead of its time. It's common place in the Champions League now, for example, for every player to be comfortable on the ball but it wasn't always like that. He wanted the game to be played in an imaginary and creative way. He wanted to see attacking football and also liked counter attacking. He instilled that in his players."

Judging by their subsequent managerial appointments, Buckingham clearly made an impression on the board at FC

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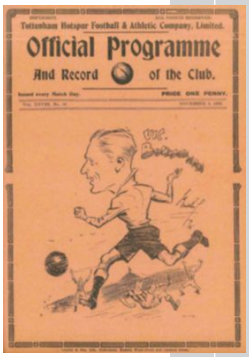


Barcelona. When the Englishman departed the club in the summer of 1971, they replaced him with Rinus Michels - another ex-Ajax manager and devoted exponent of 'Total Football'.

"Vic was the guy who really delivered the different style of football at Barcelona than they had been used to," acknowledges Burns. "When Vic left Barça, he handed over the managerial baton to Michels, who carried on with the 'Total Football' legacy that continued on through numerous managers thereafter, with Johan Cruyff going on to play for and manage Barça."

Back in 1964, Buckingham had handed Cruyff his professional debut at Ajax at the age of 17. The three-time future Ballon d'Or winner held a huge amount of respect for Vic and his football philosophies. The admiration was mutual and it is understood Buckingham made early attempts to sign Cruyff from Ajax during his time as manager of the FC Barcelona. The Dutchman eventually joined Barça in 1973.

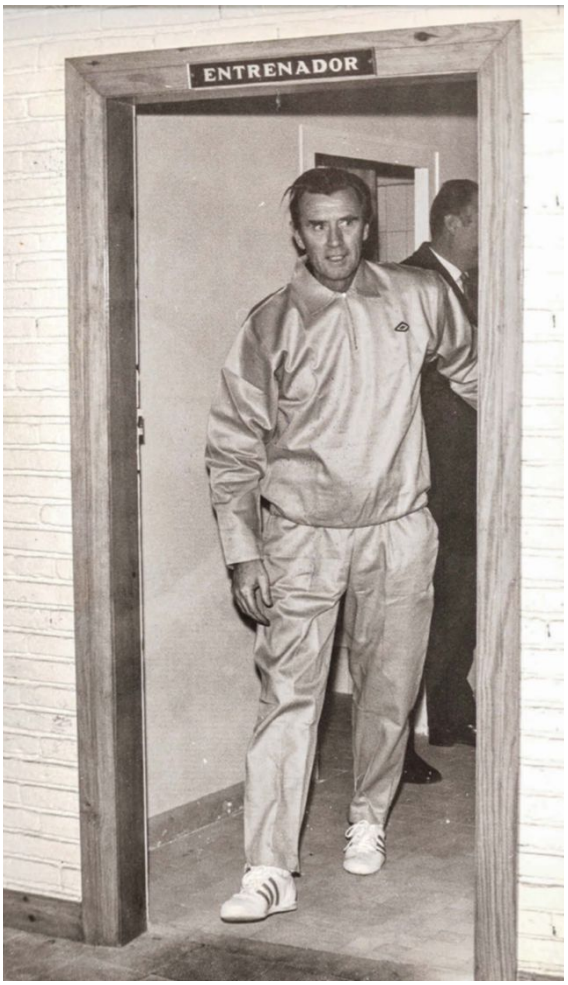
"I spoke to Armen Caraben – a former FC Barcelona secretary – in the writing of my book, who is sadly no longer with us," comments Burns. "Caraban had a Dutch wife and developed a good relationship with Dutch football. He was the one that eventually brought Cruyff to Barça. But he told me that the club's first attempt to sign Cruyff came around 1971 while Buckingham was the manager. So, it seems, Buckingham paved the way for Cruyff's arrival in many respects."

Born in London on 23 October, 1915, Buckingham spent a season with our then-nursery club Northfleet United in 1934-35 before making his professional debut in our 4-3 victory over Bury on November 16, 1935. He went on to make 204 league matches for us prior to his retirement from playing in 1949. He scored his one and only league goal for us in a 2-1 win at Norwich City on February 4, 1939.

His managerial career began with Pegasus AFC – a now defunct amateur side made up of students from Oxford and Cambridge University before taking the hot seat at Bradford Park Avenue. FA Cup and Eredivisie success came at West Bromwich Albion and Ajax respectively while he also had spells in charge of Sheffield Wednesday, Fulham and Ethnikos Piraeus prior to his arrival at Barcelona.

"He (Buckingham) didn't suffer fools gladly," comments Burns on Vic's character. "There was a famous incident while he was at Barcelona when a senior executive at the club came down to see the players and started pretending he knew more about football than the players or Vic himself. Vic stood there listening and at the end said, 'I couldn't agree with you more. If you feel that way, why don't you turn up at 9am tomorrow morning and train the team!' Vic had called his bluff and the executive beat a retreat!

"A lot of people I spoke to for my book used the phrase 'true English gentleman' to describe Vic… He was thought of as being a 'Henry Higgins' (the professor in Pygmalion and My Fair Lady) type. The Spanish word for Vic is 'Simpatico', meaning he is fun to be with, easy to get on with. But he could be abrasive too. As I say, he didn't suffer fools gladly and had quite a sharp tongue. He was known to swear a fair bit and once told Barcelona's players what he thought they should do to upcoming opponents Real Betis with the use of a four-letter expletive!"



"VIC WAS THE GUY WHO REALLY DELIVERED THE DIFFERENT STYLE OF FOOTBALL AT BARCELONA"

After recovering from back surgery, Buckingham became manager of fellow La Liga side Sevilla in 1972 before taking the Olympiacos job between 1975 and 1976. His final managerial role came with Rhodes-based team Rodos FC from 1979 to 1980. Buckingham died aged 79 in Chichester, West Sussex on January 26, 1995.

Many thanks to author Jimmy Burns OBE (www.jimmy-burns.com) for his assistance in the writing of this article. Jimmy's latest football title Cristiano and Leo: The Race to Become the Greatest Football Player of All Time (Pan Macmillan) is now available.

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CHAS HODGES - A MUSIC LEGEND AND SPURS FAN
BY MIKE ROLLO

On page 20-21 in this evening's programme, there is a tribute to Chas Hodges who sadly passed away 10 days ago. For my part, having been associated with Chas and Dave, his fellow member of their musical partnership, I wish to share my own memories of his love of the club and how he used that passion to support us in so many ways over the years.

The first time I met Chas was at the first-ever live televised Football League match, when Chas & Dave performed live at White Hart Lane in September, 1983. Having just joined the club, that early introduction followed their two chart successes with our respective FA Cup Final teams of 1981 and 1982.

Later on, I was involved with further cup final songs with 'Hot Shot Tottenham' and 'When the Year Ends in 1' in 1987 and 1991. There exists, somewhere in my collection, demo recordings which Chas & Dave made for what would have been further cup final songs had we not lost certain semi-finals in subsequent years!

Another memory is the duo providing an opening jingle for our former Spurs Line telephone daily news service which ran from 1986 for a number of years before the internet and social media arrived. It spawned from one of their hit singles, Di-Di-Diddley-a-Dum-Dum with myself and BBC commentator John Motson, another presenter, being mentioned in the catchy lyric introduction.

Apart from the many pre-match performances before games, Chas & Dave would regularly perform at many pre-match hospitality lunches in the Bill Nicholson Suite and Oak Room in the old stadium. Chas Hodges was a passionate Spurs fan and his association with the club on both a personal level and as a great supporter of club events will be greatly missed.

Chas (right) and Dave perform at the Lane as David Howells, Gary Mabbutt, Vinny Samways, Neil Ruddock and Tony Galvin look on

A Word From Our Executive Members

As we look forward to the opening of our New Stadium, we turn the spotlight on those companies who have joined as Executive Members and discover the background behind their selection of Premium Experiences. Today, we feature Direct Commercial Limited, who have taken West Stand Level Three Premium Seats.

Direct Commercial Limited are commercial vehicle insurers, specialising in providing motor insurance cover for the haulage and transportation sector.

Started from scratch in 2002 by Chief Executive Officer, Phil Cunningham, the company now writes in excess of £100 million gross written premium and employs over 150 staff in four different locations with headquarters in Chelmsford, Essex. For more information on DCL **www.directcommercial.co.uk**.

From a family of lifelong Spurs fans Phil regularly attends all matches with his father PC and son Aidan.

Phil says: "Having viewed all the available options the most important factor for us was the location of the match seats. We've been fortunate to acquire seats on the third level just to the side of the halfway line. This facility provides access to bars and grazing food options and you can also make bookings per match in a number of restaurants. We are looking forward to trying them all."

In addition to spending his time at DCL and enjoying his football following Spurs, Phil has turned his hobby and love of horse racing into a business in its own right.

Phil, pictured with one of his winning horses, Rajasinghe, explained: "Once again I've been very fortunate, from starting off owning small shares in horses we won both the English and Irish Guineas in 2007 with a horse named Cockney Rebel.

"This really changed things for me and after winning further group races in the UK and USA, I decided to set up our own

training operation in Newmarket in 2015.

"We brought in trainer, Richard Spencer, aged 29, to train the horses and in his first two seasons we have won the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot with Rajasinghe and the Group 3 Molecomb at Glorious Goodwood with Rumble in the Jungle. Following this success, we have grown the string of horses to over 70 for next season. For more details on Phil's stables and training operations, visit **www.rebel-racing.co.uk**

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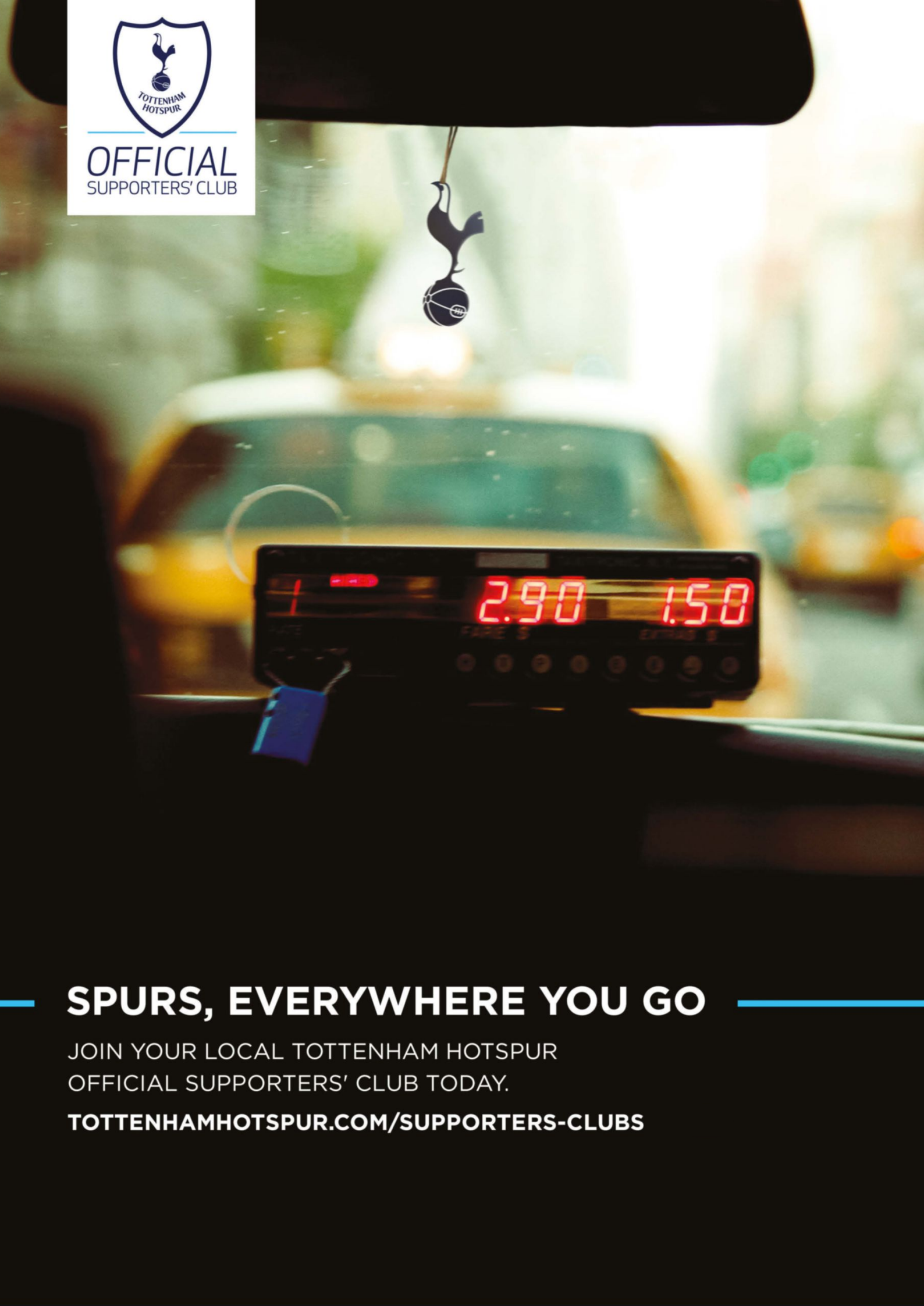

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CLUB ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Tottenham Hotspur Global Football Development is delighted to be working in partnership with the University of Wollongong, one of the world's leading universities.

The club is renowned across the globe for developing young players and our Global Football Development programmes monitor each player individually, giving them the opportunity to learn and develop their skills so they can play attacking football with the flair, fluidity and passion that are the hallmarks of the club.

The innovative Player Development Programme will consist of two FA & UEFA qualified Tottenham Hotspur coaches working with the University of Wollongong's undergraduate and postgraduate students for 36 weeks a year over a period of five years.

Coaches will deliver authentic methods developed within the Tottenham Hotspur Academy to help students reach their full potential. The programme, which opens for applications in 2019 and will be delivered from 2020, will see students completing 16-20 hours of football training each week around their academic timetable and competing at local, national and international level. The programme will be open to applications from Australian and international students and undertaken in addition to students' academic studies.

Head of Global Football Development, Andy Rogers, said "We are excited to be embarking on such an innovative partnership with the University of Wollongong. Collaboratively supporting the growth of the game and to support and inspire the development of the young players within the programme, technically and holistically."

The launch of the partnership was marked with a jersey exchange between Club Ambassador, Ledley King, and University of Wollongong Ambassador and Australian cricket legend, Adam Gilchrist, at our match against Liverpool here recently.

As well as developing players, the programme will provide opportunities for aspiring local coaches to be mentored by the Tottenham Hotspur coaches to enhance the university's quality of delivery across its teams. Speaking after last week's launch, Professor Alex Frino, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Wollongong explained that "this unique programme will strengthen the place of football within the university."

The University of Wollongong is one of Australia's largest and most internationally diverse universities with more than 34,000 students across nine Australian campuses, two international campuses in Dubai and Hong Kong, and partner institutions in Singapore and Malaysia. As well as delivering world-class education, the university also has a long history of sporting success, with many students going on to compete at elite level.

To find out more information about Global Football Development Partnerships, visit
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LEDLEY OPENS WALTER TULL EXHIBITION

Club Ambassador Ledley King opened Folkestone Museum's brand new Walter Tull exhibition last week.

Walter Tull: His Life and Legacy, which is open until 31 January, 2019, tells the story of one of Britain's first professional players from a black heritage through letters, photographs and artefacts from his childhood growing up in Folkestone, his time at an orphanage in Bethnal Green and his footballing and military careers.

Among the attendees were children from local schools and sports clubs. Before the opening of the exhibition, they had the chance to meet Ledley and ask him about his life playing for Spurs and England.

The opening of the exhibition coincides with the centenary of Walter's death, Black History Month and the centenary of the First World War.

After making his mark as a talented local football player, Tull played for Clapton FC before being signed by us and later transferring to Northampton Town. When war broke out, Tull enlisted in the Footballers' Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment and became the first black combat officer in the British Army. He was mentioned in despatches and recommended for the Military Cross for his bravery in the face of enemy fire. Sadly, he died during the Battle of the Somme on 25 March, 1918.

Ledley said: "It's important to celebrate the legacy of Walter Tull and educate the next generation about his incredible story. I am honoured to have opened this exhibition and have enjoyed observing the artefacts and learning more about his story."

All items for Walter Tull: His Life and Legacy have been kindly loaned from the Finlayson Family Archive, the Children's Home and Orphanage, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and the National Army Museum.

For more information please visit **https://folkestonemuseum.co.uk/**

BREAKING NEW GROUND

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE OPENING OF THE TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM, **ANDY GREEVES** TAKES A LOOK AT OTHER 'NEW' STADIA WE HAVE PLAYED AT, WHICH HAVE OPENED SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE IN 1992. THIS EVENING, HE EXPLORES THE HISTORY OF **SPORTING BRAGA'S** ESTÁDIO MUNICIPAL DE BRAGA

A new stadium built in the city of Braga formed part of Portugal's successful bid to host UEFA Euro 2004, which was awarded to the nation on 12 October, 1999. A total of 31 matches were played at the tournament in 10 venues across eight cities, that also included Aveiro, Coimbra, Guimarães, Faro/Loulé, Leiria, Lisbon and Porto.

The renowned Portuguese architect Eduardo Souto de Moura – whose other works include the Burgo Tower in Porto and the Paula Rego Museum in Cascais – was commissioned by Câmara Municipal de Braga to design a stadium in the city. It was to be located on the site of a former quarry in the heart of the River Cávado valley. The construction of the Estádio Municipal de Braga could only begin in 2002 after a staggering 1.7 million cubic metres of stone were removed from the site. The enormous rock-moving exercise contributed extensively to the overall cost of the project – estimated to be in the region of €83m.

The stadium's design is truly unique, with a rugged stone cliff remaining untouched at one end behind the goal, while a tree-lined bank can be found at the other end. Two huge double-tier stands, each with a capacity in excess of 15,000 seats, span either touchline with their rooftops supported by 68 steel cables that run over the pitch. Due to its situation, the locals often refer to the ground as 'A Pedreira', meaning 'The Quarry'.

Portugal prepare for action in Braga

The Estádio Municipal de Braga opened its doors on 30 December, 2003 as new tenants Sporting Braga took on Spanish side Celta Vigo in a friendly match. A few months later, the Portuguese national team played at the venue for the first time, losing 2-1 to Italy in a warm-up game for UEFA Euro 2004. The ground hosted two group matches at the tournament itself – Denmark's 2-0 victory over Bulgaria on 18 June 18 and the Netherlands 3-0 triumph against Latvia five days later.

Robbie Keane and Pascal Chimbonda celebrate

The Estádio Municipal de Braga – known as the Estádio AXA between 2007 and 2009 following a sponsorship deal with French insurance company AXA - has received numerous accolades including the 2006 Chicago Athenaeum International Architecture Award for the best new global design.

Architect Eduardo Souto de Moura was presented with the Secil Prize from former Portuguese President Jorge Sampaio following the opening of the ground while he was awarded with the Pritzker Prize – often referred to as the 'Nobel Prize of architecture' – in 2011 for his design of the stadium.

The Portuguese national team has continued to use the stadium as an occasional home venue, with FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Albania in 2008 and Azerbaijan in 2012 staged there. On 5 October, 2015, Portugal beat Denmark 1-0 in Braga in a UEFA Euro 2016 qualifier. Since moving into the ground, Sporting Braga have won the Taça da Liga in 2013 and both the Taça de Portugal and Supertaça Cândido de Oliveira in 2016. The club were also overall winners of the UEFA Intertoto Cup in 2008 with their 3-0 home victory over Turkish side Sivasspor confirming their success.

Our first – and to date, only – visit to the Estádio Municipal de Braga came on 8 March, 2007 as we faced Sporting Braga in a UEFA Cup fourth round, first leg tie. We had previously visited the north western Portuguese city on 19 September, 1984 for a UEFA Cup first round, first leg tie to take on Braga at their former Estadio Primeiro de Maio ground. A brace from Mark Falco and a further strike from Tony Galvin gave us a 3-0 victory on that occasion.

Nearly 23 years later, it was Robbie Keane who gave us a 57th minute lead in the match, latching on to a chipped pass from Aaron Lennon before chesting the ball down and volleying it into the back of the net. Steed Malbranque made it two 18 minutes from time but the home side levelled with late strikes from Paulo Jorge and Ze Carlos. We travelled back to London with a 3-2 victory though thanks to Keane's second goal of the game on the stroke of full-time. We completed an aggregate 6-4 victory over Braga with another 3-2 win over the Portuguese side at White Hart Lane the following week.

In addition to football matches, a number of other events have taken place at the Estádio Municipal de Braga, including a concert featuring Irish pop-rock group The Corrs in 2004. The public piazza in front of the stadium hosts the annual 'Enterro da Gata' – a festival organised by the University of Minho to celebrate the end of term.

Young-Pyo Lee battles for possession in Braga

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BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to the following Spurs fans:

Season ticket holder **BRUCE LEWIS**, who is celebrating his birthday today.

Season ticket holder **TRACEY HAYMES**, who celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

JAMES WATT, who celebrated his birthday on 19 September and **LIBBY BRADNICK**, who celebrated her birthday on Saturday. They are both here today with Colin James and Andy Griffiths, all pictured.

One Hotspur member **DEEN PIRBHAI**, who celebrates his 10th birthday on Sunday.

Season ticket holder **MILLIE TAYLOR**, who turned seven yesterday and is at tonight's game with her dad Jason.

JAMIE TIMOTHY, who celebrated his 11th birthday yesterday and is at tonight's game.

DAVID BAULCH, a One Hotspur member who is here this evening and celebrated his 39th birthday on Monday.

HARRY KRUGER, who is celebrating his 21st birthday today.

MARTIN EVANS, who has been coming to our games since 1974 and watched his first match on The Shelf, is at tonight's game to celebrate his birthday.

Season ticket holder **DYLAN MUNDY**, who celebrates his fourth birthday on Saturday and is pictured with his brother Ryley.

ALISON JONES, who has been a season ticket holder for over 45 years and celebrated her birthday last month.

Lifelong fan **MICHAEL BAKER**, who is celebrating his 40th birthday and is pictured with seven-year-old son **JACK**.

Season ticket holder **VINCENT BARKER**, from the Isle of Wight, who is celebrating his 56th birthday today.

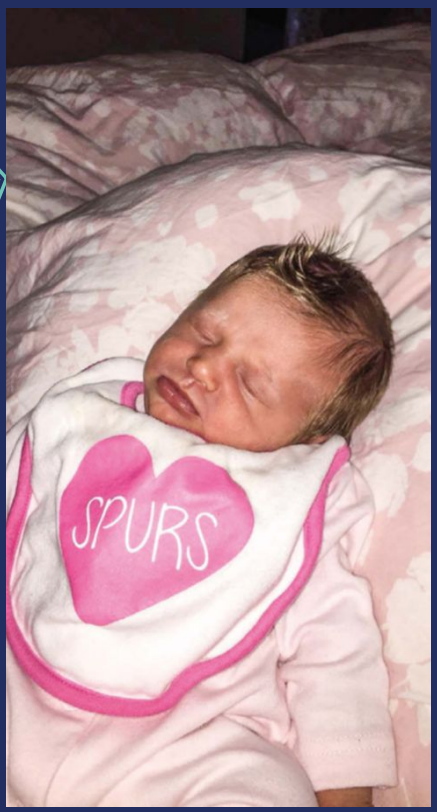
WELCOME

A warm welcome to nine-year-old **JIM GLEESON** and his dad **PAUL**. Enjoy the game!

Welcome also to One Hotspur members **STEPHEN**, **LEXIE** and **JESSE DOYLE** from Sligo in Ireland, who have travelled over for tonight's game.

NEW ADDITIONS

Here is **MAGGIE ROSE**, born on 24 August to season ticket holder Paul Grice and his partner Lucy, much to the delight of proud granddad Alan.



KELLEN GARDNER is celebrating his first birthday.

HARRY KITCHING celebrated his birthday yesterday.

This is **SAM HILL** who was born on 11 May. His English dad and one of his uncles are Spurs season ticket holders, while his Spanish cousin and another uncle are die-hard Barcelona fans!

SPURS AROUND THE WORLD

USA

Here is One Hotspur Junior **ALEXANDER GREEN**, celebrating his fourth birthday at Disneyland Paris on 10 September with season ticket holder dad **ANDREW**.

USA

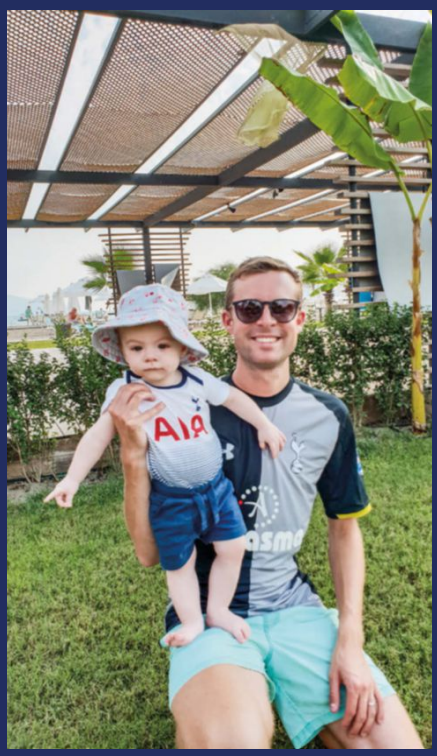
EDDIE CLARKE celebrated his 10th birthday at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles, before our pre-season friendly against Barcelona.

ECUADOR
Spurs fan **PABLO CALERO** (left) is pictured with **FRANK GARCIA** flying the Spurs flag at the peak of volcano Illiniza in Ecuador.

HAWAII
Here is **JOHN THORNTON**, a lifelong fan and season ticket holder, spreading the Spurs message in Hawaii.

IRELAND
Pictured is **MARTY McDONALD**, a member of Dublin Spurs Supporters' Club, in his home town.

TURKEY
MICHAEL SKORZEWSKI and his nine-month-old son **NOAH** proudly wear their colours while on holiday in Fethiye, Turkey.



MALLORCA
Wearing their shirts with pride in Mallorca are **BARNABY** and **KIKI WOOLFSON**.

OBITUARIES

We were sorry to hear of the passing of the following Spurs supporters:

KEN STANLEY, a lifelong fan and season ticket holder for many years, who attended his first game in 1929, passed away on August 28, aged 97. His family would like to thank the club's dedicated Access Team for helping him watch his beloved Spurs for so long.

Lifelong fan **PAUL THOMPSON** from Loughton, who died in the early hours of 2 September at the age of 50.

RAMANDAN DURAIRAJ, a much-loved and dedicated member of Malaysia Spurs Supporters' Club who passed away on 13 September, aged 44. He leaves behind his wife Stepheni and mother Rani and will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Lifelong fan **PHIL MOSS**, who sadly passed away on 10 August at the age of 62. He grew up watching many of the great Spurs sides from the 1970s onwards. A fantastic man who will never be forgotten by his family and friends.

JOHN OSBORN, a lifelong fan who passed away on 14 November last year at the age of 86. A Spurs supporter for 75 years, he followed the club home and away for the majority of his life and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

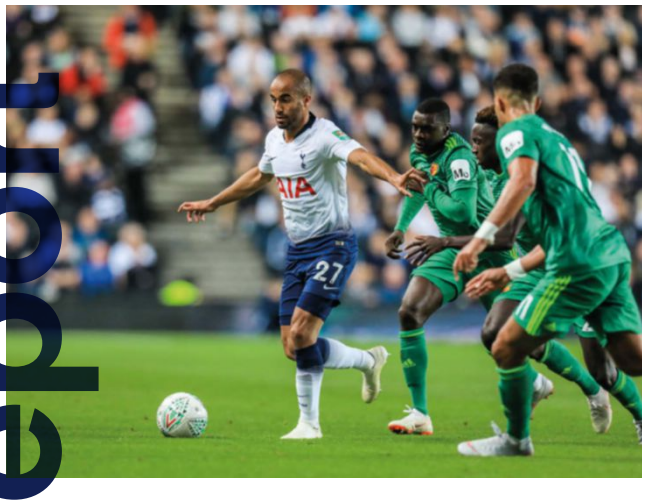
Lifelong fan **GEOFF MARKWELL** from Welling, who passed away on 12 July, aged 82.

JOHN HOVELL, who passed away on 16 September, aged 81. His first game was at White Hart Lane against Bradford Park Avenue in 1948 and he passed his love of Spurs onto his daughter Sarah, a Paxton Road season ticket holder for 25 years and all his grandchildren, some of who are at tonight's game. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten by all his family and friends.

We would like to extend our condolences to their families and friends at this sad time.

Match Report

"THE QUALITY OF PENALTIES WAS GOOD AND YOU NEED YOUR GOALKEEPER TO STEP UP. PAULO DID THAT WITH TWO GREAT SAVES" - DELE



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52%	Possession	48%
13	Shots	8
4	Shots on target	6
4	Corners	3
15	Fouls	17

Carabao Cup | Stadium MK | 26.09.18
23,650 | Referee: Lee Mason

Tottenham Hotspur 2
Dele 81 pen, Lamela 86

Watford 2
Success 46, Capoue 89
(*Spurs won 4-2 on penalties)

Spurs (4-4-2): Gazzaniga, Aurier, Alderweireld, Sanchez, Davies, Wanyama (Dembele 64), Winks, Sissoko (Son 64), Dele (c), Lucas (Llorente 70), Lamela. **Substitutes (not used):** Whiteman, Walker-Peters, Foyth, Dier.

Watford (4-5-1): Gomes, Navarro (Kabasele 77), Cathcart, Mariappa (c), Masina, Femenia (Hughes 69), Wilmot, Chalobah, Quina, Sema (Capoue 84), Success. **Substitutes (not used):** Dahlberg, Holebas, Pereyra, Gray.

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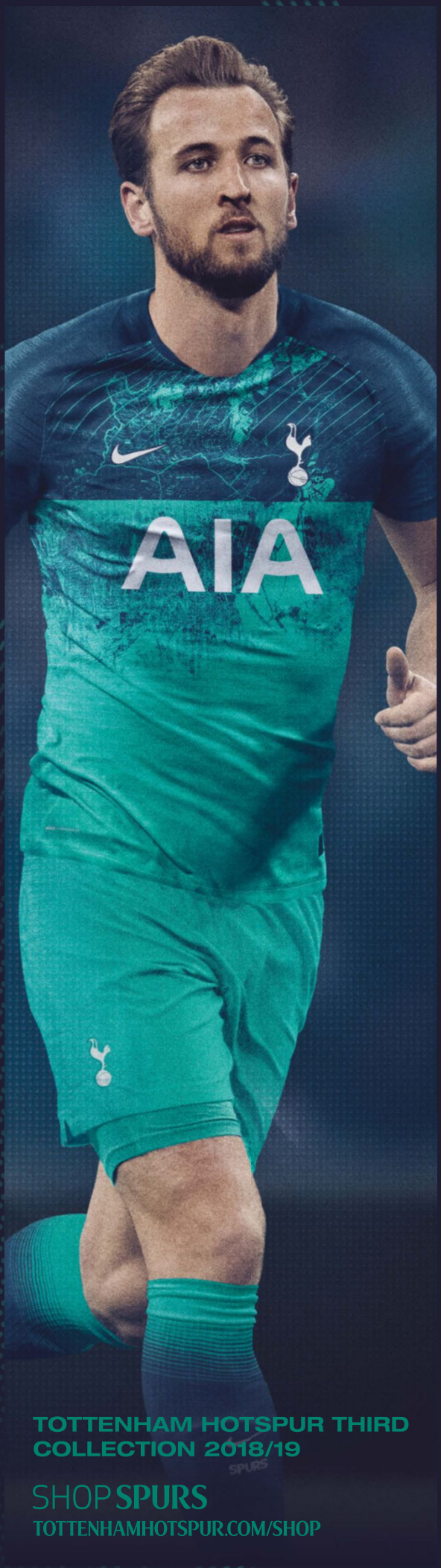


A Century of SEASONS — 100 —

THE 2018-19 SEASON ALSO MARKS OUR 100TH CAMPAIGN OF LEAGUE FOOTBALL. HAVING STARTED IN DIVISION TWO IN 1908-09 AND MISSING A NUMBER OF YEARS DUE TO TWO WORLD WARS, THIS TERM WE CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF SEASONS AND IN EACH MATCHDAY PROGRAMME, WE WILL REFLECT ON OUR PREVIOUS 99 CAMPAIGNS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

1924-25 A MID-TABLE TEAM

A final league record of 15 wins and 15 defeats pretty much summed up our 1924/25 campaign as we once again struggled to find any real consistency in the First Division.

Manager Peter McWilliam's side started with a flourish though and after two straight wins against Bolton Wanderers at the Lane and away to Birmingham, we topped the table on goal difference. But by 1 January, 1925, we had only managed to win four of our subsequent 22 league matches and had slipped away into the bottom half.

DIVISION ONE 1924-25

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HUDDERSFIELD	42	21	16	5	69	28	58
WEST BROM	42	23	10	9	58	34	56
BOLTON WDRS	42	22	11	9	76	34	55
LIVERPOOL	42	20	10	12	63	55	50
BURY	42	17	15	10	54	51	49
NEWCASTLE UTD	42	16	16	10	61	42	48
SUNDERLAND	42	19	10	13	64	51	48
BIRMINGHAM	42	17	12	13	49	53	46
NOTTS CO	42	16	13	13	42	31	45
MAN CITY	42	17	9	16	76	68	43
CARDIFF CITY	42	16	11	15	56	51	43
TOTTENHAM	**42**	**15**	**12**	**15**	**52**	**43**	**42**
WEST HAM UTD	42	15	12	15	62	60	42
SHEFFIELD UTD	42	13	13	16	55	63	39
ASTON VILLA	42	13	13	16	58	71	39
BLACKBURN R	42	11	13	18	53	66	35
EVERTON	42	12	11	19	40	60	35
LEEDS UTD	42	11	12	19	46	59	34
BURNLEY	42	11	12	19	46	75	34
ARSENAL	42	14	5	23	46	58	33
PRESTON NE	42	10	6	26	37	74	26
NOTTINGHAM F	42	6	12	24	29	65	24

Victories when they did come were quite impressive, defeating Blackburn 5-0 thanks to a Jack Elkes hat-trick, Sheffield United 4-1 and even a 2-1 home win against reigning champions Huddersfield Town – who would retain their title – which suggested the ability was there within the squad.

Something suddenly clicked in late January after a Jimmy Seed strike earned us maximum points against Sunderland and that turned out to be the first of six wins on the bounce, including a North London derby triumph at the Lane.

That run of results effectively secured our place in the division and we ended up with 42 points from 42 games with plenty of room for improvement.

DIVISION ONE

Manager: Peter McWilliam
Final Position: 12th
Most Appearances: Fred Hinton (42)
Top Scorer: Jimmy Seed (17)
Biggest Win: 5-0 v Blackburn Rovers (H)
Biggest Defeat: 2-5 v Bury (A)

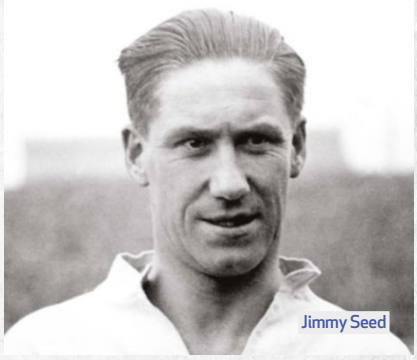
MAIN MAN → FRED HINTON

Signed in the close season from Bolton Wanderers, goalkeeper Fred Hinton made his Spurs debut on the opening day of the campaign against his former club – and would have enjoyed his clean sheet in our 3-0 win. He ended up playing every single league game for us in 1924/25 and conceded just 43 goals. In fact, despite losing 15 times in the division, eight of those were by a 0-1 scoreline to suggest Hinton more than played his part in keeping the scores down.

KEY GAME

Huddersfield Town 1 Spurs 2
Leeds Road
8 November, 1924

We were going through a sticky spell when we travelled north to face former Spur Herbert Chapman's reigning champions Huddersfield Town, but produced one of our finest displays of the campaign to shock the Terriers. Andy Thompson and Jimmy Seed scored the goals to register our first-ever league win at Leeds Road, with our subsequent match programme noting: 'The champions were generally reckoned to have an easy task, but our boys played splendid football in a hard struggle for the mastery and the success was thoroughly deserved.'


Jimmy Seed

Spurs skipper Arthur Grimsdell shakes hands with his Arsenal counterpart in 1925

1925-26 TREADING WATER

A second successive 12th place finish in the top flight presented a touch of frustration for the club and its supporters in what was a season of highs and lows.

Once again we led the way at the summit of the First Division, this time after enjoying four successive wins to open the season including a 1-0 win at Highbury, but once again we couldn't last the pace and finished in mid division.

Highlights along the way included a breath-taking 5-5 draw at White Hart Lane against champions Huddersfield – who again retained their title – a game in which we led 5-3 before suffering injuries to three players which allowed the Terriers to battle back.

'It was palpitating football. Sensations in plenty and innumerable thrills besides, made the contest memorable for a long time to come,' said our matchday programme.

This was also the season in which Frank Osborne wrote his name into our history books, registering a trio of hat-tricks in successive matches against Liverpool, Leicester City and West Ham United, a feat which has yet to be matched throughout our illustrious history.

But that Leicester match on 31 October also saw our inspirational captain Arthur Grimsdell suffer a fractured leg, a crushing blow which kept him out for the remainder of the season and without him, we found it tough going during the second half of the campaign.

DIVISION ONE 1925-26

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
HUDDERSFIELD	42	23	11	8	92	60	57
ARSENAL	42	22	8	12	87	63	52
SUNDERLAND	42	21	6	15	96	80	48
BURY	42	20	7	15	85	77	47
SHEFFIELD UTD	42	19	8	15	102	82	46
LIVERPOOL	42	14	16	12	70	63	44
BOLTON WDRS	42	17	10	15	75	76	44
MAN UTD	42	19	6	17	66	73	44
NEWCASTLE UTD	42	16	10	16	84	75	42
EVERTON	42	12	18	12	72	70	42
BLACKBURN R	42	15	11	16	91	80	41
WEST BROM	42	16	8	18	79	78	40
BIRMINGHAM	42	16	8	18	66	81	40
TOTTENHAM	**42**	**15**	**9**	**18**	**66**	**79**	**39**
CARDIFF CITY	42	16	7	19	61	76	39
LEICESTER CITY	42	14	10	18	70	80	38
WEST HAM UTD	42	15	7	20	63	76	37
LEEDS UTD	42	14	8	20	64	76	36
BURNLEY	42	13	10	19	85	108	36
MAN CITY	42	12	11	19	89	100	35
NOTTS CO	42	13	7	22	54	74	33

DIVISION ONE

Manager: Peter McWilliam
Final Position: 12th
Most Appearances: Matt Forster (42)
Top Scorer: Frank Osborne (25)
Biggest Win: 4-0 v Notts County (H)
Biggest Defeat: 1-4 v Leeds United (A)

MAIN MAN → FRANK OSBORNE

This proved to be a great season for the former Fulham centre-forward and not just because of his hat-trick heroics. We signed him in January, 1924, but this was his finest campaign in a Spurs shirt as he netted 25 goals in 39 league appearances. His achievement of a treble of trebles remains unique and seems unlikely to be repeated.

KEY GAME

Spurs 5 Huddersfield Town 5
White Hart Lane
19 September, 1925

Supporters certainly got their money's worth for this one! The Terriers only conceded 28 goals en route to lifting the title, yet we managed to put five past them on this occasion. Alex Jackson gave Town an early lead but Elkes levelled before Jackson made it 2-1 at the break. Jimmy Dimmock and a Tommy Clay penalty made it 3-2 but then future Spur Billy Cook equalised. We responded with two goals in a minute from Frank Osborne and Elkes and looked set for victory but injuries to Jimmy Seed, Jimmy Skinner and Matt Forester hampered our chances and Jackson and George Brown netted to give Town a share of the spoils.

1926-27 A CHANGE AT THE TOP

For the first time in the club's history, there was a mid-season change of manager during the 1926/27 campaign. After almost 14 years in charge, Peter McWilliam resigned to take over at Middlesbrough and our Board of Directors appointed Billy Minter as our new manager.

Having been associated with the club for over 20 years, scoring 100 goals for us and then taking over as trainer, Minter made the step up at the end of February after we'd led the Division One table again only to fall away with a string of poor results.

Sheffield Wednesday were hammered 7-3 at the Lane in our second game of the season and fine wins were also recorded against Birmingham (6-1), Cardiff City (4-1) and Arsenal (4-2), while promising youngster Taffy O'Callaghan was handed his debut against Everton on 15 January – the first of over 250 league appearances for the club.

The inside forward netted five times in the closing weeks of the season and we finished with some good victories under Minter's stewardship, but a final position of 13th told the story of a difficult campaign.

DIVISION ONE 1926-27

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
NEWCASTLE UTD	42	25	6	11	96	58	56
HUDDERSFIELD	42	17	17	8	76	60	51
SUNDERLAND	42	21	7	14	98	70	49
BOLTON WDRS	42	19	10	13	84	62	48
BURNLEY	42	19	9	14	91	80	47
WEST HAM UTD	42	19	8	15	86	70	46
LEICESTER CITY	42	17	12	13	85	70	46
SHEFFIELD UTD	42	17	10	15	74	86	44
LIVERPOOL	42	18	7	17	69	61	43
ASTON VILLA	42	18	7	17	81	83	43
ARSENAL	42	17	9	16	77	86	43
DERBY CO	42	17	7	18	86	73	41
TOTTENHAM	**42**	**16**	**9**	**17**	**76**	**78**	**41**
CARDIFF CITY	42	16	9	17	55	65	41
MANCHESTER UTD	42	13	14	15	52	64	40
THE WEDNESDAY	42	15	9	18	75	92	39
BIRMINGHAM	42	17	4	21	64	73	38
BLACKBURN R	42	15	8	19	77	96	38
BURY	42	12	12	18	68	77	36
EVERTON	42	12	10	20	64	90	34
LEEDS UTD	42	11	8	23	69	88	30
WEST BROM	42	11	8	23	65	86	30

Jimmy Dimmock

DIVISION ONE

Manager: Peter McWilliam until February then Billy Minter.
Final Position: 13th
Most Appearances: Jimmy Dimmock (41)
Top Scorer: Jimmy Dimmock (19)
Biggest Win: 6-1 v Birmingham (H)
Biggest Defeat: 0-5 v West Bromwich Albion (A) and Burnley (A)

MAIN MAN → JIMMY DIMMOCK

The outside left was entering his prime during this stage of his career and the regular flow of goals was testament to that. The previous season he'd chipped in with 14 in the league and he bettered that in 1926/27 adding another 19 to his tally while missing just the one league game in the process.

KEY GAME

Spurs 1 Bury 0
White Hart Lane
19 February, 1927

Despite a strong first half of the campaign, we started to lose our way after a 5-0 defeat at Turf Moor and, having been title contenders at one stage, we were heading alarmingly towards the lower reaches of the table by the time Bury arrived in N17. Thankfully we arrested that slide with a narrow win against the Shakers courtesy of a Jimmy Dimmock penalty, our first home win for almost three months.

Goalkeeper Joe Nicholls makes a save in 1927

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1927-28 THROUGH THE TRAPDOOR

As a player, Billy Minter's goals helped Spurs win promotion from the Second Division in 1909, but in his first full season in charge as manager, he took us in the opposite direction.

With Jimmy Seed having left us for Sheffield Wednesday in a swap deal that saw Darkie Lowdell move to N17, we lost an inspirational player but did welcome back Arthur Grimsdell from injury and the mood in the camp was one of optimism ahead of the season.

It was another typically inconsistent first half of the campaign but when we embarked on a nine-game unbeaten run in November and December, including six wins, we found ourselves eighth in the table.

In truth, it's difficult to understand how we did get relegated at the end of the season. When we entertained Bury in our penultimate match of the campaign, the league table in the match programme showed us in 12th place, five points above the drop zone. All the teams below us had games in hand but it still would need a freak set of results to see us relegated.

We lost 1-4 to Bury and 0-2 at Liverpool on the last day of the term while, incredibly, eight teams overtook us in the final couple of weeks and our eight year stay in the top flight came to an end.

DIVISION ONE

Manager: Billy Minter
Final Position: 21st
Most Appearances: Taffy O'Callaghan (42)
Top Scorer: Taffy O'Callaghan (19)
Biggest Win: 5-0 v Burnley (H)
Biggest Defeat: 1-6 v Leicester City (A)

MAIN MAN → TAFFY O'CALLAGHAN

Handed his debut by Billy Minter the previous season, Taffy O'Callaghan repaid his manager with an excellent campaign during 1927/28 despite the team's struggles. Ever-present throughout our league season, he top scored with 19 goals including a four-goal haul in our 5-2 win against Everton at Goodison Park on February 11.

KEY GAME

Spurs 1 Bury 4
White Hart Lane
21 April, 1928

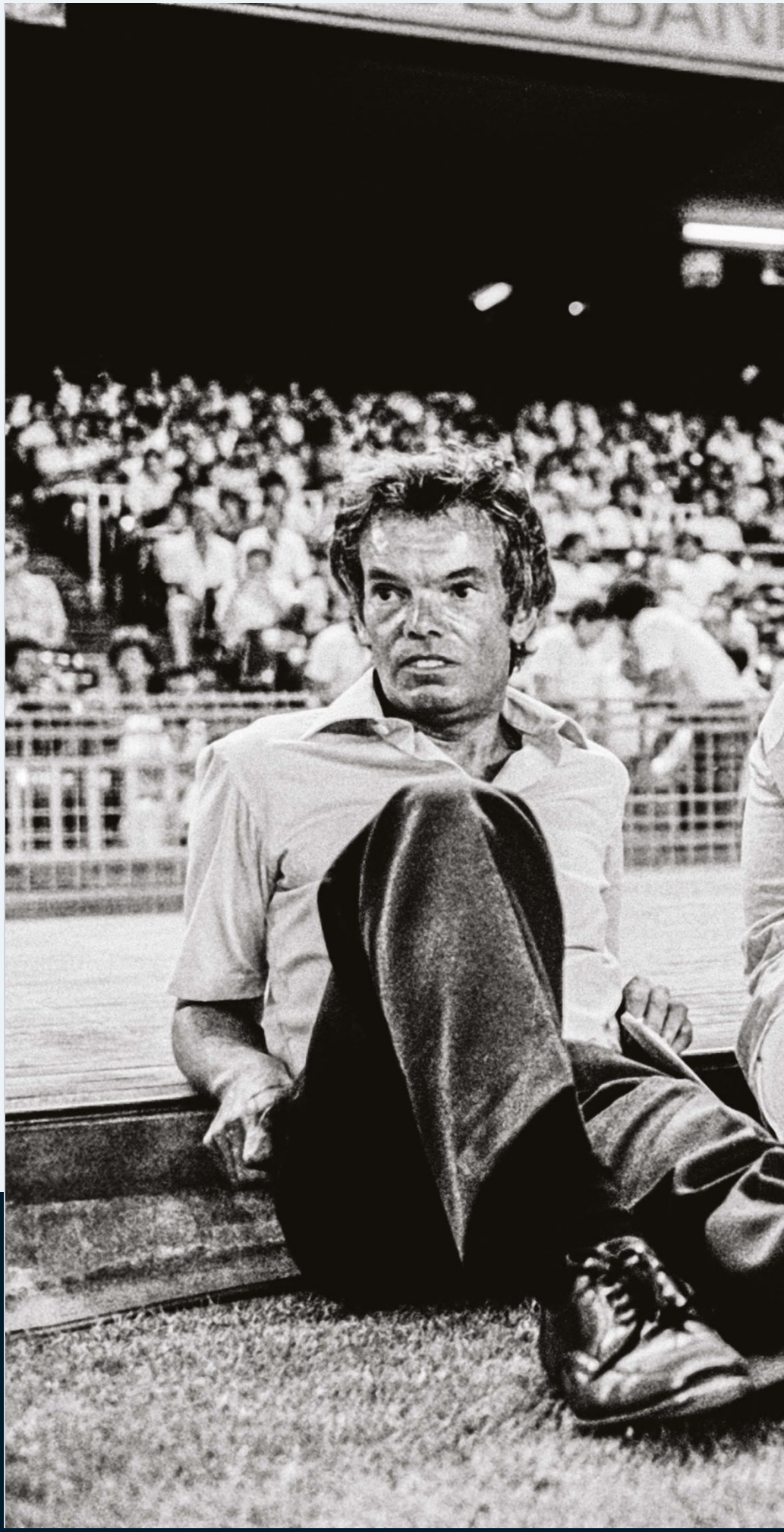
We didn't quite know the significance at the time, but this hefty defeat to Bury was to prove so costly in the final standings. Perhaps we already thought we were safe from relegation, but we produced a poor performance against the Shakers and only had Alex Lindsay's goal to show for it in the 4-1 loss. A week later, we were relegated.

DIVISION ONE 1927-28

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
EVERTON	42	20	13	9	102	66	53
HUDDERSFIELD	42	22	7	13	91	68	51
LEICESTER CITY	42	18	12	12	96	72	48
DERBY COUNTY	42	17	10	15	96	83	44
BURY	42	20	4	18	80	80	44
CARDIFF CITY	42	17	10	15	70	80	44
BOLTON WDRS	42	16	11	15	81	66	43
ASTON VILLA	42	17	9	16	78	73	43
NEWCASTLE UTD	42	15	13	14	79	81	43
ARSENAL	42	13	15	14	82	86	41
BIRMINGHAM	42	13	15	14	70	75	41
BLACKBURN R	42	16	9	17	66	78	41
SHEFFIELD UTD	42	15	10	17	79	86	40
THE WEDNESDAY	42	13	13	16	81	78	39
SUNDERLAND	42	15	9	18	74	76	39
LIVERPOOL	42	13	13	16	84	87	39
WEST HAM UTD	42	14	11	17	81	88	39
MAN UTD	42	16	7	19	72	80	39
BURNLEY	42	16	7	19	82	98	39
PORTSMOUTH	42	16	7	19	66	90	39
TOTTENHAM	**42**	**15**	**8**	**19**	**74**	**86**	**38**
MIDDLESBROUGH	42	11	15	16	81	88	37

Left: Eugene 'Taffy' O'Callaghan

The 1927/28 Spurs squad



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NEW BOY AT THE NOU CAMP
Barcelona's new signing Gary Lineker watches on with Spurs' Graham Roberts (right) during our game against PSV Eindhoven at the Nou Camp in August, 1986. We were playing in the pre-season Joan Gamper Tournament, along with Barca and AC Milan, and drew 1-1 with the Dutch side, who won on penalties.

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SPURS STATS

FIRST TEAM PLAYER STATS

	2018-19								SPURS CAREER								TOTALS			
	LEAGUE		FA CUP		LGE CUP		EUROPE		LEAGUE		FA CUP		LGE CUP		EUROPE		SPURS		CAREER	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
TOBY ALDERWEIRELD	5				1				87	5	7	0	2	0	19	1	115	6	351	24
DELE ALLI	5	1			1	1			111	38	15	4	4	3	22	3	152	48	240	82
LUKE AMOS	1								1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	2
SERGE AURIER	2				1		1		19	2	1	0	1	0	7	0	28	2	244	15
BEN DAVIES	4				1		1		87	3	11	1	8	0	28	0	134	4	219	7
MOUSA DEMBELE	6				1		1		177	7	14	0	11	0	43	3	245	10	540	66
ERIC DIER	5						1		140	7	13	1	7	0	28	0	188	8	220	9
CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN	6						1	1	177	41	13	4	8	4	35	8	233	57	391	89
JUAN FOYTH									0	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	8	0	15	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	1				1				2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	82	0
ANTHONY GEORGIOU									0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
HARRY KANE	6	3					1		156	111	13	9	9	4	42	19	220	143	285	159
ERIK LAMELA	3	2			1	1	1		113	12	9	2	9	3	28	9	159	26	260	51
FERNANDO LLORENTE	1				1				17	1	6	3	3	0	7	1	33	5	523	165
HUGO LLORIS	3								209	0	2	0	3	0	43	0	257	0	537	0
LUCAS MOURA	6	3			1		1		12	3	4	1	1	0	2	0	19	4	334	72
GEORGES-KEVIN NKOUDOU									9	0	4	0	4	0	6	1	23	1	104	14
TASHAN OAKLEY-BOOTHE									0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
DANNY ROSE	4						1		122	8	16	1	7	0	21	1	166	10	224	11
DAVINSON SANCHEZ	3				1		1		34	0	2	0	1	0	9	0	46	0	127	8
MOUSSA SISSOKO	1				1				59	1	10	0	3	1	11	0	83	2	435	37
HEUNG-MIN SON	3				1		1		102	30	16	9	4	0	23	8	145	47	308	96
KIERAN TRIPPIER	5	1							47	2	13	0	5	0	16	0	81	2	310	10
JAN VERTONGHEN	6	1					1		193	5	10	1	11	1	44	2	258	9	498	40
MICHEL VORM	2						1		13	0	18	0	10	0	5	0	46	0	329	0
KYLE WALKER-PETERS									3	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	9	1	9	1
VICTOR WANYAMA	1				1				55	5	8	0	2	0	8	1	73	6	315	25
HARRY WINKS	4				1		1		41	1	7	0	4	0	15	0	67	1	67	1

UP TO AND INCLUDING 26.09.18

Premier League

2018-19 TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
	TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LIVERPOOL	6	3	0	0	8	0	3	0	0	6	2	12	18
2	MANCHESTER CITY	6	3	0	0	11	2	2	1	0	8	1	16	16
3	CHELSEA	6	3	0	0	9	3	2	1	0	5	1	10	16
4	WATFORD	6	3	0	1	7	4	1	1	0	4	2	5	13
5	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	6	1	0	1	4	3	3	0	1	8	4	5	12
6	ARSENAL	6	2	0	1	5	3	2	0	1	7	6	3	12
7	MANCHESTER UNITED	6	1	1	1	3	5	2	0	1	6	4	0	10
8	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	6	2	1	0	8	4	1	0	2	2	7	-1	10
9	LEICESTER CITY	6	2	0	1	6	3	1	0	2	5	7	1	9
10	WOLVERHAMPTON	6	1	2	0	4	3	1	1	1	2	3	0	9
11	CRYSTAL PALACE	6	0	1	2	0	4	2	0	1	4	2	-2	7
12	EVERTON	6	1	1	1	4	5	0	2	1	4	6	-3	6
13	BRIGHTON AND HOVE	6	1	1	1	6	6	0	1	2	2	5	-3	5
14	SOUTHAMPTON	6	0	2	1	3	4	1	0	2	3	5	-3	5
15	FULHAM	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	1	2	3	8	-5	5
16	BURNLEY	6	1	0	2	5	5	0	1	2	2	5	-3	4
17	WEST HAM UNITED	6	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	4	8	-6	4
18	NEWCASTLE UNITED	6	0	0	3	3	6	0	2	1	1	2	-4	2
19	CARDIFF CITY	6	0	1	2	2	8	0	1	2	1	6	-11	2
20	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	6	0	1	2	0	4	0	1	2	3	10	-11	2

UP TO AND INCLUDING 24.09.18

TOP SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GLS
EDEN HAZARD	CHELSEA	5
A.MITROVIC	FULHAM	5
ROMELU LUKAKU	MAN UTD	4
SADIO MANE	LIVERPOOL	4
GLENN MURRAY	BRIGHTON	4
MARKO ARNAUTOVIC	WEST HAM	3
RICHARLISON	EVERTON	3
RYAN FRASER	BOURNEMOUTH	3
ANDRE GRAY	WATFORD	3
HARRY KANE	**TOTTENHAM**	**3**

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	ASSI
JOSE HOLEBAS	WATFORD	4
BENJAMIN MENDY	MAN CITY	4
OLIVIER GIROUD	CHELSEA	3
ANTHONY KNOCKAERT	BRIGHTON	3
LUCIANO VIETTO	FULHAM	3
SERGIO AGUERO	MAN CITY	2
MARCOS ALONSO	CHELSEA	2
ROBERTO FIRMINO	LIVERPOOL	2
J.B. GUDMUNDSSON	BURNLEY	2
ABDOULAYE DOUCOURE	WATFORD	2

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2018-19

	DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	KO/RES	ATT	STARTING XI							
AUGUST	SAT 11 AUG	A	NEWCASTLE UNITED	2-1	51,749	LLORIS	AURIER	SANCHEZ	**VERTONGHEN 1**	DAVIES	DIER	SISSOKO	ERIKSEN
	SAT 18 AUG	H	FULHAM	3-1	58,297	LLORIS	**TRIPPIER 1**	SANCHEZ	ALDERWEIRELD	VERTONGHEN	DAVIES	DIER	ERIKSEN
	MON 27 AUG	A	MANCHESTER UNITED	3-0	74,400	LLORIS	TRIPPIER	ALDERWEIRELD	VERTONGHEN	ROSE	DIER	DEMBELE	ERIKSEN
SEPTEMBER	SUN 2 SEP	A	WATFORD	1-2#	20,141	VORM	TRIPPIER	ALDERWEIRELD	VERTONGHEN	SANCHEZ	DAVIES	DEMBELE	ERIKSEN
	SAT 15 SEP	H	LIVERPOOL	1-2	80,188	VORM	TRIPPIER	ALDERWEIRELD	VERTONGHEN	ROSE	DIER	DEMBELE	WINKS
	TUE 18 SEP	A	INTER (CL MD1)	1-2	64,123	VORM	AURIER	SANCHEZ	VERTONGHEN	DAVIES	DIER	DEMBELE	LAMELA
	SAT 22 SEP	A	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	2-1	30,531	GAZZANIGA	TRIPPIER	ALDERWEIRELD	VERTONGHEN	ROSE	DIER	DEMBELE	ERIKSEN
	WED 26 SEP	H	WATFORD (CC R3, STADIUM MK)	2-2(4-2)	23,650	GAZZANIGA	AURIER	ALDERWEIRELD	SANCHEZ	DAVIES	WANYAMA	WINKS	SISSOKO
	SAT 29 SEP	A	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3.00PM									
OCTOBER	WED 3 OCT	H	BARCELONA (CL MD2)	8.00PM									
	SAT 6 OCT	H	CARDIFF CITY	3.00PM									
	SAT 20 OCT	A	WEST HAM UNITED	3.00PM									
	WED 24 OCT	A	PSV EINDHOVEN (CL MD3)	5.55PM									
	MON 28 OCT	H	MANCHESTER CITY	8.00PM									
	WED 31 OCT		CARABAO CUP FOURTH ROUND										
NOVEMBER	SUN 4 NOV	A	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	1.30PM									
	TUE 6 NOV	H	PSV EINDHOVEN (CL MD4)	8.00PM									
	SAT 10 NOV	A	CRYSTAL PALACE	5.30PM									
	SAT 24 NOV	H	CHELSEA	5.30PM									
	WED 28 NOV	H	INTER (CL MD5)	8.00PM									
DECEMBER	SAT 1 DEC	A	ARSENAL	3.00PM									
	WED 5 DEC	H	SOUTHAMPTON	8.00PM									
	SAT 8 DEC	A	LEICESTER CITY	3.00PM									
	TUE 11 DEC	A	BARCELONA (CL MD6)	8.00PM									
	SAT 15 DEC	H	BURNLEY	3.00PM									
	WED 19 DEC		CARABAO CUP QUARTER-FINAL										
	SAT 22 DEC	A	EVERTON	3.00PM									
	WED 26 DEC	H	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	3.00PM									
	SAT 29 DEC	H	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	3.00PM									
JANUARY 2019	TUE 1 JAN	A	CARDIFF CITY	3.00PM									
	SAT 5 JAN		EMIRATES FA CUP THIRD ROUND										
	WED 9 JAN		CARABAO CUP SEMI-FINAL (1)										
	SAT 12 JAN	H	MANCHESTER UNITED	3.00PM									
	SAT 19 JAN	A	FULHAM	3.00PM									
	WED 23 JAN		CARABAO CUP SEMI-FINAL (2)										
	SAT 26 JAN		EMIRATES FA CUP FOURTH RD										
	WED 30 JAN	H	WATFORD	8.00PM									
FEBRUARY	SAT 2 FEB	H	NEWCASTLE UNITED	3.00PM									
	SAT 9 FEB	H	LEICESTER CITY	3.00PM									
	13/20 FEB		UEFA CL ROUND OF 16 (1)										
	SAT 16 FEB		EMIRATES FA CUP FIFTH ROUND										
	SAT 23 FEB	A	BURNLEY	3.00PM									
	SUN 24 FEB	N	CARABAO CUP FINAL										
	WED 27 FEB	A	CHELSEA	7.45PM									
MARCH	SAT 2 MAR	H	ARSENAL	3.00PM									
	6/13 MAR		UEFA CL ROUND OF 16 (2)										
	SAT 9 MAR	A	SOUTHAMPTON	3.00PM									
	SAT 16 MAR	H	CRYSTAL PALACE / FAC QF	3.00PM									
	SAT 30 MAR	A	LIVERPOOL	3.00PM									
APRIL	SAT 6 APR	H	BRIGHTON / FAC SEMI-FINAL	3.00PM									
	WED 10 APR		UEFA CL QUARTER-FINAL (1)										
	SAT 13 APR	H	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	3.00PM									
	WED 17 APR		UEFA CL QUARTER-FINAL (2)										
	SAT 20 APR	A	MANCHESTER CITY	3.00PM									
	SAT 27 APR	H	WEST HAM UNITED	3.00PM									
MAY	WED 1 MAY		UEFA CL SEMI-FINAL (1)										
	SAT 4 MAY	A	A.F.C BOURNEMOUTH	3.00PM									
	WED 8 MAY		UEFA CL SEMI-FINAL (2)										
	SUN 12 MAY	H	EVERTON	3.00PM									
	SAT 18 MAY	N	EMIRATES FA CUP FINAL										
JUNE	SAT 1 JUN	N	UEFA CL FINAL (MADRID)										

				SUBSTITUTES						
	DELE 1	LUCAS	KANE	VORM	WALKER-PETERS	ALDERWEIRELD	AMOS	DEMBELE	SON	LLORENTE
	DELE	LUCAS 1	KANE 1	VORM	AURIER	ROSE	WINKS	DEMBELE	SISSOKO	LAMELA
	DELE	LUCAS 2	KANE 1	VORM	AURIER	SANCHEZ	DAVIES	WINKS	AMOS	LLORENTE
	DELE	LUCAS	KANE	GAZZANIGA	WALKER-PETERS	ROSE	DIER	WINKS	WANYAMA	LLORENTE
	ERIKSEN	LUCAS	KANE	GAZZANIGA	AURIER	DAVIES	SANCHEZ	WANYAMA	LAMELA 1	SON
	ERIKSEN 1	SON	KANE	GAZZANIGA	WALKER-PETERS	ROSE	WINKS	WANYAMA	LUCAS	LLORENTE
	LUCAS	SON	KANE 1	WHITEMAN	AURIER	SANCHEZ	WANYAMA	WINKS	DELE	LAMELA 1
	DELE 1(P)	LAMELA 1	LUCAS	WHITEMAN	WALKER-PETERS	FOYTH	DEMBELE	DIER	SON	LLORENTE

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First substitution
Second substitution
Third substitution
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HALF TIME QUIZ

A QUICK QUIZ TO KEEP YOU BUSY DURING HALF-TIME…HOW MANY QUESTION CAN YOU GET RIGHT ON OUR PREVIOUS MATCHES AND CLUB CONNECTIONS WITH SPANISH OPPOSITION?

BADGE OF HONOUR

Can you name these players based on the badges of the club's they've played for in their careers?

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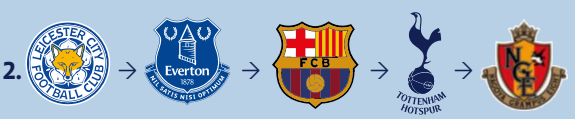
2. 

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IN THE DUGOUT

Who were the two managers when we played Real Madrid in the quarter-finals of the Champions League in 2010/11?

WHO'S WHO…?

1) Action from our pre-season friendly against Atletico Madrid in Melbourne in July, 2016, but who are the two players pictured?

2) Wembley Cup action against Barcelona here in 2009, but can you name these two players?

SCOREBOARD

Fill in the missing goalscorers on the scoreboard from our UEFA Cup game against Sevilla at White Hart Lane on April 12, 2007. (Clue – all four have played for Spurs!)

TOTTENHAM 2
C_____._____D

SEVILLA 2
C_____._____D

MAKING THEIR DEBUT

Here is the date that two of our players made their Spurs debuts in a friendly match against Espanyol, but can you name them both?

ANSWERS - Badge of Honour 1) Jonathan Woodgate, 2) Gary Lineker, 3) Fredi Kanoute. **In The Dugout:** Harry Redknapp (Spurs) and Jose Mourinho (Real Madrid). **Who's Who:** 1) Fernando Torres and DeAndre Yedlin, 2) Wilson Palacios and Eidur Gudjohnsen. **Scoreboard:** Tottenham 2 (Defoe 65, Lennon 67) Sevilla 2 (Malbranque OG 3, Kanoute 8). **Making their debut:** Paulinho and Roberto Soldado.

SPURS ASSOCIATION

IN EACH PROGRAMME THIS SEASON, **BILLY SHAW** CONNECTS A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION'S SQUAD TO ONE OF OUR PLAYERS THROUGH A CHAIN OF FORMER TEAM-MATES, CLUBS AND MATCHES. TONIGHT, WE TRACE A PATH BETWEEN OUR HOME-GROWN STRIKER HARRY KANE AND BARCELONA'S EXPERIENCED DEFENDER GERARD PIQUE

GERARD PIQUE

A decorated Spanish international up until his recent retirement from playing for his country, 31-year-old defender Gerard Pique continues to be one of the shining lights, not just at Barcelona but in La Liga and Europe as a whole. Having come up through the youth system at Barca, he came to England in 2004 to join Manchester United as a youngster. Operating at times as a defensive midfielder, he made 23 senior appearances for United, scoring twice, and spent the 2006/07 season on loan at Real Zaragoza before Barcelona reacquired his services in 2008. Establishing himself as a reliable centre-half, Pique won trebles with Barca in 2008/09 and 2014/15 and has bagged an astonishing seven La Liga titles, six Copa del Rey trophies and three Champions League titles during his time at the Nou Camp. On the international stage, he was an integral part of the Spanish side that lifted the 2010 FIFA World Cup and subsequently won Euro 2012.

CESAR SANCHEZ

Goalkeeper César Sánchez came up through the ranks of Real Valladolid before earning a dream move to Spanish rivals Real Madrid in 2000, the same year which also yielded his one and only appearance for Spain. During his five-year tenure at the Bernabeu, he won two La Liga titles and the 2001/02 Champions League before moving to Real Zaragoza in 2005. During his stint at La Romareda, he had Pique playing in front of him in the back line during the latter's loan spell in 2006/07 but, following the club's relegation, Juande Ramos moved to bring him to White Hart Lane in 2008. It would prove to be a fleeting stay in north London as, after making one senior appearance for us as a substitute for Heurelho Gomes in a 4-2 home win over Liverpool in the League Cup during November, 2008, he returned to Spain in January, 2009, to join Valencia. He later played for Villarreal and hung up his gloves in 2012.

JONATHAN WOODGATE

Fondly remembered by everyone at Spurs for his winning goal against Chelsea in the 2008 League Cup Final at this ground, 'Woody' had a storied playing career that started and ended with home-town club Middlesbrough. A junior at Boro, he moved to Leeds United at 16 years of age and established himself as a first team regular at Elland Road but, after a season-and-a-half at Newcastle United, the England international centre-back sealed a surprise switch to Real Madrid in August, 2004, where he was in the same Real squad as Sánchez. After returning to England and Boro, he came to Spurs in January, 2008, and within a matter of weeks had endeared himself to our fans with the goal that clinched silverware against the Blues. Unlucky with injuries throughout his career, Woodgate scored three goals in 65 games for us before heading off to Stoke City in 2011. He finished his playing career back at the Riverside and is currently on Middlesbrough's first team coaching staff.

RYAN FREDERICKS

Right-back Ryan Fredericks was a team-mate of Woodgate's at Middlesbrough during a season on loan at the Riverside from us in 2014/15, in which he made 19 appearances. He left us for Bristol City in 2015, having made four senior competitive appearances in our colours – all in Europe – but joined Fulham just 25 days later. He won promotion from the Championship with the Cottagers at the end of last season before being snapped up by West Ham. At this point in the chain, we could jump straight to our target and link 'Fredo' to Harry Kane, considering they both emerged through our Academy system and even made their first team debuts for us in the same game – a goalless Europa League draw with Hearts at the Lane in August, 2011. But, where possible, we're looking for players who are linked by clubs other than ourselves, therefore we take a diversion via…

JAMIE O'HARA

A willing runner on the ball with the ability to pick out precise passes, midfielder Jamie O'Hara actually started out at Arsenal before crossing the north London divide in 2003. After loan spells at Chesterfield and Millwall, he played 56 times for us between 2007 and 2009, scoring seven goals, before spending further time out on loan at Portsmouth and Wolverhampton Wanderers. Following permanent moves to Wolves and Blackpool, he was part of the same Fulham side as Fredericks during his one season on the books at Craven Cottage in 2015/16. A short spell at Gillingham followed before he notably joined ambitious non-league outfit Billericay Town in March, 2017, shortly after appearing in reality television series Celebrity Big Brother.

PAUL KONCHESKY

Left-back Paul Konchesky was Billericay Town's other high-profile signing alongside O'Hara during the latter stages of the 2016/17 Isthmian League Premier Division campaign – three levels below League Two. Konchesky and O'Hara had also briefly been team-mates at Gillingham the previous summer. Born in Barking, the defender started out at Charlton Athletic and played 14 games for us on loan from the Addicks during the 2003/04 season. Through until 2017, the twice-capped England international represented a host of Premier League and Football League sides including West Ham, Fulham, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest (loan), Leicester City, Queens Park Rangers (loan) and, as mentioned, Gillingham. Following his stint with Billericay, he had a short-lived spell at another non-league outfit, East Thurrock United, at the start of this season.

HARRY KANE

Harry Kane's path to stardom has been a joy to behold. With two Premier League Golden Boots under his belt, not to mention one from this year's World Cup, where he captained England on a memorable run to the semi-finals, our home-grown striker has sent records tumbling and seen the accolades come flooding in every season since becoming a permanent fixture in the team in 2014. But it's not just in our cause that he has gone into battle. During his early years, he spent time on loan at Leyton Orient, Millwall, Norwich City and Leicester City – and it was during a sometimes tricky spell with the Foxes during the latter months of the 2012/13 season that he was a team-mate of Konchesky's, scoring twice in 15 appearances in the second tier of English football. From the Championship to the Champions League… the next chapter of his story could be written tonight against the mighty Barcelona at Wembley.

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1	HUGO **LLORIS**
2	KIERAN **TRIPPIER**
3	DANNY **ROSE**
4	TOBY **ALDERWEIRELD**
5	JAN **VERTONGHEN**
6	DAVINSON **SANCHEZ**
7	HEUNG-MIN **SON**
8	HARRY **WINKS**
10	HARRY **KANE**
11	ERIK **LAMELA**
12	VICTOR **WANYAMA**
13	MICHEL **VORM**
14	GEORGES-KEVIN **NKOUDOU**
15	ERIC **DIER**
16	KYLE **WALKER-PETERS**
17	MOUSSA **SISSOKO**
18	FERNANDO **LLORENTE**
19	MOUSA **DEMBELE**
20	DELE **ALLI**
21	JUAN **FOYTH**
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23	CHRISTIAN **ERIKSEN**
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49	BRANDON **AUSTIN**
52	OLIVER **SKIPP**

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MANAGER: ERNESTO **VALVERDE**

1	MARC-ANDRE **TER STEGEN**
2	NELSON **SEMEDO**
3	GERARD **PIQUE**
4	IVAN **RAKITIC**
5	SERGIO **BUSQUETS**
6	DENIS **SUAREZ**
7	PHILIPPE **COUTINHO**
8	**ARTHUR**
9	LUIS **SUAREZ**
10	LIONEL **MESSI**
11	OUSMANE **DEMBELE**
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13	JASPER **CILLESSEN**
14	**MALCOM**
15	CLEMENT **LENGLET**
16	SERGI **SAMPER**
18	JORDI **ALBA**
19	MUNIR **EL HADDADI**
20	SERGI **ROBERTO**
22	ARTURO **VIDAL**
23	SAMUEL **UMTITI**
24	THOMAS **VERMAELEN**
26	CARLES **ALENA**
27	JUAN **MIRANDA**
28	RICARD **PUIG**
29	ABEL **RUIZ**
30	IGNACIO **PENA**
32	**MONCHU**
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